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Soccer shows VFL the way

'Soccer Action's'
300th edition

This is the 300th issue of "Soccer Action". We were born on Wednesday, February 4, 1976 and we are the oldest, most well-established and most popular soccer newspaper in Australia.

Now in our eighth year, we were already more than 12 months old when the National League started, and we have reported all soccer affairs via the typewriters of some of the most well-respected people in the game, including Rale Rasic, Andrew Dettre, Peter Katholos, Alex Vasic, Peter Scott, Gary Cole, Meno Toutsidis, Craig Mackenzie, Les Shorrocks, Joe Lanzoni, Peter Windsor, Zika Nikolic, Johnny Warren, Mike Johnson, Billy Voljck, Rocky DiZio, Jim Cook, Tim White, Peter Desira, Tom Anderson, John Taylor, Brian Green, Jim Shoulder, Jack Reilly... need we go on?

We have seen the decline of the NSL's formation, and we are witnessing a revival this year, in Victoria at least.

We have reported two of Australia's World Cup qualifying series—1977 and 1981—plus the World Cup finals series in Argentina and Spain.

We have seen juniors grow up into top-flight internationals or State players—Alan Davidson, Peter Kaiholos, George Christopoulos, Steve Blair, Charlie Yankos, John Kaimina, Peter Laumets, Eddie Krncvic, Paul Kay, Greg Woodhouse, etc etc.

But most of all, we have tried our utmost to provide the comprehensive and quality coverage you, the readers, demand.

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— LAURIE SCHWAB, The editor

'81 was such a shame



Charlie Yankos

Charlie Yankos is more than making up for the disappointment he felt in 1981.

Most of his mates were playing for Australia in the World Youth Championships that year, but Yankos dropped out because he was two months too old, even though he had played in many of the selection trials.

Now the brilliant Heidelberg centre back leads the voting for "Soccer Action's" best player award and is a major drawcard wherever his team plays.

Yankos, 21, was born in the Melbourne suburb of Carlton, lived for many years at North Altona and has been living at Sunshine for the past two years, with his father Tom, his mother Maria and his brother and sister.

He started with Lechia-West Newport, a subsidiary of Polonia, at the age of 11, and switched to Polonia at 12. Under the coaching of Father Richard Gamanski, Polonia won the Victorian under 15 championship against Melbourne and also won its league undefeated.

Then seven of the Polonia players moved together to Heidelberg's reserves. Yankos, at 15, was the youngest of them.

He established himself as a Heidelberg senior player in the latter part of 1981 and improved dramatically under the coaching of Len McKendry last year. He was switched to sweeper when John Yzendoorn got injured, and now he's headed not only for a possible league best player award, but also for the national team.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Soccer's transfer and registration system is under no threat from the Silvio Foschini Supreme Court decision. In fact, the Victorian Football League now is forced to follow the example set by soccer in establishing the present contracts and transfer regulations.

By
LAURIE SCHWAB

judgement handed down some years ago. Mr. Justice Brooking ruled that soccer's transfer rules—in this case those of the Victorian Federation—did not constitute an unreasonable restraint of a player's trade.

Mr. Justice Brooking was ruling in a case in which the VSF and Essendon Croatia defended an action against them by former Croatia goalkeeper John Kennedy.

Mr. Justice Brooking, in his judgement, said: "The correct view is that any restraint on trade imposed by the constitution and rules of the Victorian Soccer Federation and its board of management and any restraint on trade imposed by the contract between the player and Essendon Soccer Club are reasonable."

He also said: "In my view the relevant restraints have been shown to afford no more

than reasonable protection to the interests of the federation and of Essendon."

The VFL differs from soccer in that many top players still are not under contract and yet even without contracts, players are bound to their clubs for life under the VFL regulations. Foschini wasn't under contract, yet South Melbourne expected him to move to Sydney to play with the club, and refused to allow him to transfer to a different club.

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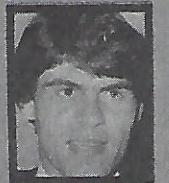
Two Croatias, Fawkner and Melita must be in new NSL

As we wait for an official decision about how the 1983 regionalised National League competition will be constituted, State League clubs are queuing up to be included.

First, let me say I prefer the NSL as it is at the moment, but I realise that changes have to be made to cut costs. Let's face it, without a fortune in sponsorship on a regular basis, we cannot afford to keep paying high air fares for travel between cities as far apart as Adelaide and Brisbane.

There's been talk that the NSL has considered and rejected an intricate national competition based on the U.S. model, but the most sensible set-up would be two divisions—north and south—of 12 teams each: perhaps with some inter-region games during the season.

KAT'S CORNER
with PETER KATHOLOS



The top four of each region would play off at the end of the year for the national championship of Australia.

Let's have a look at the two possible regional competitions. First, we'll take the north.

Obviously, it would include the five present Sydney-based NSL teams—Olympic, APIA, Sydney City, Marconi and St. George.

It also would include Wollongong and Newcastle KB

United, plus the two Brisbane teams—City and Lions.

They're saying that Canberra probably would be included in the southern region to make up the numbers there.

So, with the present Sydney and Brisbane teams, plus Wollongong and Newcastle, we would have nine in all, meaning we would have to add three.

Croatia and Melita Eagles are two logical choices because both have strong spectator support and good teams.

Players like Farrugia, McGinn, McAusland, Allan, (Melita), Watson, Savor, Kovacic and Basile (Croatia) would add a lot to the national competition.

I'd like to see a Yugoslav side in the league, but neither Yugal nor Avara have adequate support at the moment, although that may change if they were playing in top company.

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'Rubbish': Docherty

Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty has strongly denied a report that he offered to give Scotland's youth team a full run-down on the young Socceros who will play against Scotland in the World Youth Championships in June.

"I have never spoken to Scotland's youth team manager, Andy Roxburgh, and I never would give out information about a country in which I am earning my living," Docherty said this week.

"The report is false and unfounded and total rubbish."

The report appeared in the English paper "Sunday People" and "Soccer Action" wrote about it last week.

"I have never even seen the young Socceros play. I only know one of their players, Jim Petikas, who plays for me at Sydney Olympic," Docherty said.

"I feel nothing but loyalty to soccer in this country, and I'm sure Scotland doesn't need me to provide information about their opponents. If they're doing their job properly, they'll be able to get their own information."

"Soccer Action" apologizes to Tommy Docherty for any embarrassment which may have been caused.

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Soccer administration, comparatively speaking, has all the difficulties, and traumas of a government and a big business put together. But, unlike a government, it does not have the continuity and specialised expertise of the public service in the back rooms. Unlike a big business, it does not have a professional management structure.

More than government and big business, it is torn by passions, affected by emotions. Quite opposed to government and big business it does not offer financial rewards, does not have the much needed full-time basis. Very unlike government and big business, it can become as addictive as drugs and gambling.

What are the requirements and the reasons for going into such a difficult, dangerous, unrewarding venture? Nobody can quite put a finger on it but it is a mixture of many things that represent the best and worst in human nature; the recipe being finally sprinkled with a tasty powder that has the unmistakable smell of vanity in varying degrees of intensity.

Stagnant
Many things have changed in soccer, and in society at large, in the past 20-30 years and the tempo of change has gathered ever increasing dynamism year after year.

But one aspect of the game has remained almost stagnant: the structure, the philosophy, the system and, in some cases, the people who form the administration of the game; much more so at club level, but also at federation level as we will see in the concluding article on this series.

Soccer has been in Australia for a long time as a game, but some 20-30 years ago it became much more than just a game and very much a social phenomenon. The post-war influx of migrants from the UK and Europe had produced a large percentage of the local population that did not identify with and almost resented local culture and customs and, after the early years of settling in and securing the essentials of life, was turning towards creating a social environment that would give them self assertion and gratification.

Sport is the biggest and most accessible social equaliser of them all with soccer the branch common to all these newcomers.

Most of today's leading clubs were formed at the time,

and most of them had a "New Australian" base (ethnic, in today's language). The Italians got behind the great name

By
ROCKY Di ZIO

I HAVE been a soccer official for a number of years, both at club and federation level. It is always difficult and a little embarrassing, to write about one's former colleagues. Firstly you are up against a sense of group loyalty; secondly you may have been too close to the problem for too long; thirdly you may be accused of personal resentments, sour grapes or sheer vendetta.

Before engaging in this effort, I did a lot of soul-searching until I was satisfied that I would not fall into any of these traps. I resigned from my club two years ago, so any possible hurt has healed. I went back last year when the club was having a particularly difficult time, making it very clear to the people who practically begged me to go back that it would be a temporary commitment.

Facts, comments and my own assessment of the situation made it obvious that I had achieved what was needed and I left amid unanimous requests by my colleagues to stay on. I could have remained only to warm up a chair, which is against my nature, and maintain my position at the Victorian Federation as a State League delegate but I didn't.

My personal career ambitions at federation level were in fact nil, so much so that earlier in the year I had refused to go on a "surrey" ticket for election to the board of the VSF, which eventually opens the door to a participation in the ASF.

I still talk to just about all my former colleagues, I have retained a lot of friendships, I could go back to my club anytime and I have also been asked to join other clubs. I do not have one single reason for resentment, I do not have to topple anybody because I was never toppled myself and I consider my going back to writing as an extension of my contribution to the game.

In this I apply the same style I always had as an official: boots and all, but never personal, always straight down the middle towards what I believe is the good of the greatest sport on earth.

of Juventus and clubs of that name mushroomed all over the country. Croats in particular, the Jewish community made Hakoah its flag bearer in the soccer arena; the Greeks got behind Hellas and the other nationalities had George Cross, Polonia, Hungaria, Slavia, Macedonia and so on.

The British got in with the pre-war clubs that had always had a British flavor or started another string of "Rovers" and "Rangers".

So the game of soccer attracted the emotions, the fanaticism, the cultural and political undertones present in so many ethnic groups.

The officials reflected this by not being essentially soccer people. They included community leaders, politicians in the very broad sense of the

word, people who saw in soccer the furtherance of their group's interests; successful businessmen eager to achieve social status; emerging businessmen who wanted to rub shoulders with their leaders.

Whatever their nature and whatever their motives, these people were nevertheless faithful to soccer. They had the moral fibre of those days and the fortitude of pioneers.

They did a great job at the time so soccer, and the community in general, owes a lot to people of the calibre of Nino Borsari and Theo Marmaras, to name just two who readily come to mind.

Conditions were also different. The economy was mostly booming, fresh migrants in their thousands had no other forms of entertainment or social contact, European first

division players were arriving as migrants or refugees to cheaply create great teams and, most importantly, sheer hard work in those days was the surest and simplest key to success and the motivation to succeed was there in many forms.

Elected

How were clubs administered in those days? Just about exactly as they are now! A broad circle of members elected a committee made up of a president, a couple of vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer and committeemen. No previous experience was required, no particular skills needed, but a bit of money, and the connections and availability of time it carried with it, were helpful.

True, with the passing of years, the educational and business skills of officials have reflected the natural improvement of the community at large. Today's presidents can write more polished letters, are better spoken and move better in the intricacies of finance than those of yore. But, on the negative side, the fortitude of the pioneers has gone, the moral fibre of those days is almost gone and the communities have developed the habit of "eating" their leaders.

To better understand the problems faced and caused, by today's officials, it is important to understand soccer as the business it is in today's world, and how it differs from any other business.

This understanding has to be deeper and more all-embracing than that emerging from the overused and often meaningless expressions that are often heard in soccer circles today, like "a businesslike approach", "a professional administration", and "marketing of the game".

The business of soccer is the production and presentation of entertainment — a very volatile product — to a very volatile market. As such it is heavily based on emotions and enthusiasms that are very difficult to control, to develop and to channel into the right direction.

Having elected, rather than qualified, people as its administrators, soccer, to be a successful business, would require back rooms full of market researchers, financial advisers and planners, and a multitude of professionals skilled in public relations, marketing, man management, psychology and so on.

Potential

But it has nothing of the kind, mainly because officials consider themselves the "overnight experts" in all these specialised fields.

Then, as a business, it would have to first assess the present potential market and its possible growth, which would have to be consistently stimulated by very skilled, and very costly, techniques. Then the number and standard of employees would have to be decided, the amount to be invested would have to be arrived at and secured and finally the length of time to recoup the investment and go into a self-financing and then profitable situation would have to be clearly identified to avoid a collapse.

If Myer had built its huge Bourke Street store in Woop Woop it would have had a market not big enough to pay for its window cleaning and would have gone bankrupt as a matter of course.

On the other hand, had it built a one-room shop in the heart of a then fast-growing city it would have become a struggling little business not able to capitalise on the market opportunities and weighted down by the tremendous overheads of its location.

In soccer the same principles should be applied in general and much more so for individual clubs. Investments should be made in direct relation to precisely established potential support (market) and provisions should be made for future growth.

Clubs like Juventus and George Cross of 10-20 years ago built a little shop in Bourke Street and have been struggling ever since, while clubs like Mooroolbark and Frankston City invested too heavily in Woop Woop and went bankrupt as a matter of course.

It seems to follow then, that you build a huge department store in Bourke Street and you've got it made. Not at all! That is only the correct initial

-amateur officials living in the past

decision. The real job comes in attracting a large portion of the huge potential market, retaining it against new competitors, stimulating the customers' needs for the purchase of more goods, following the fashions of the public, attracting always new customers to at least replace the ones you inevitably lose, and attracting young people to shop where their parents did.

The qualified professional managers, the expert buyers, the competent and courteous store attendants are not there by coincidence; the window dressings, the escalators, the cafeterias, the air conditioning are not there by accident either. The promotions, the advertising, the public relations exercises do not happen by a natural course of events. It is all planned, it is all researched, it all costs money. And, most importantly, it is not done by the board of directors who meet every now and then and who have probably many other interests in other boards. They set the policies and make the broad business decisions, and let the experts at all levels run the company on a day to day basis.

Mishaps

Could you imagine what a mess the average member of the board would make at window dressing, or if it were stock running out it was necessary to get a decision from the board, or what would happen if fire erupted in the store and it was necessary to get the managing director to come on the scene before doing anything about it?

Some people may say that these basic business principles are obvious and do not need to be stated. Rest assured they are not at all obvious in soccer circles. And the mishaps of a business where the board of directors does everything and decides everything could sound incredible. But in fact it happens every day in soccer.

Many would say "where do you get the money to employ this army of experts?" Firstly the average soccer club does not need as many as the Myer Emporium, secondly many could be attracted on an honorarium basis, thirdly they should not be considered a financial burden but an investment that produces directly more than its costs.

Remember that to put on a game costs almost exactly the same whether you have 1000 or 10,000 spectators, but the revenue varies from something like \$3000 to something like \$30,000.

The Cosmos tour of a few years ago was a very successful one. In Melbourne it attracted a crowd of some 18,000 for a healthy profit. But in Sydney the same team was promoted by a specialist company at a very high cost, and it attracted over 50,000 spectators, making a fortune for the promoters, after paying all those experts and their expertise.

On this subject we can only conclude that soccer administrators, even those with a business background, do not understand the business of soccer and badly need the guidance and the participation, of full-time professional employees who specialise in business administration and promotion. The example is right in front of our noses if we care to look through the blinds of stupid prejudice and parochialism: the Victorian Football League, one of the world's most professional and successful sport enterprises.

Many soccer officials are attracted to a very difficult scenario by the desire to be the "saviors", and the recipients of glory and honor that follow. They are jealous of their positions in this regard and they want to do everything themselves, want to be in everything, are like glutton children

again after inevitable initial setbacks, by controlling the emotional element and neutralising the most fanatical expressions of its following.

But the majority of clubs are in a very sorry administrative state. The "overnight experts" are putting more nails in the coffins with their ignorance of the situation.

There is usually a shortage of helpers around the officials, only because help is not encouraged, because there is no ability to motivate and delegate, and acceptance of the fact that all are entitled to recognition and rewards even if it only means the occasional pat on the back. There is a tendency to dismantle everything inherited by previous administrations, disregard everything that is good and sacred, seek immediate petty rewards and monuments to one's ego.

The vital problem of publicity is eagerly but wrongly approached. Instead of supplying solid information about teams and players, whom after all people go to grounds to watch, officials often are prepared to pay, to bribe, to con for the papers, to get acceptance of their names and their photos in the papers. Some of this occasionally filters through the media. If you look through the specialised Press or the soccer section of some newspapers you will probably find more photos and interviews of officials than of players. You will even read of officials of a club that has won a string of championships and cups in recent years, making the very profound statement: "This year our club will be a force in the competition." Anything to get your name and photo in the press! It does not matter if supporters cannot find out where the team is playing that week!

The important field of management is approached by shouting orders at people who have no binding obligations to obey. If that does not work, sackings, suspensions and fines are applied. Players are treated as robots who have no feelings, slaves who have no rights to dignity, children who can be given the run-around from one official to another.

Inter-club relations are almost non-existent because all other clubs are enemies, there cannot be common interests and success can only be achieved by destroying the opposition.

Maligned

If this is really the case, one may ask, how come soccer has not collapsed a long time ago? For two good reasons, firstly because the game eventually turns out to be bigger than the individual, secondly because there are a good number of honest, modest, consistent and capable officials who really have the interest of the game at heart and usually don't have their photos in the papers. These people keep the game going but the others have been talking about making sure that the game does not progress according to its great merits.

And ultimately, the game has a great foundation in its much-maligned ethnic base. With its emotions, its passions and its furor, Australia's overwhelming ethnic contingent, (British is just as ethnic as Greek and Italian) is an infinite source of people, talent and money. Fifty so much of it goes to waste.

in a chocolate factory or spoiled brats in a toy store.

Gloxy

The sharing of glory, or being pushed into the background by the experts, is the real stumbling block to appointing professional managers. It is not the expense of it at all, because this cannot be anything else but a profit-making investment. It would be also the cheapest way out, even if officials paid for the professional managers out of their own pockets and devoted more time to look after their private business interests. Over the years I have seen many businessmen that lost fortunes by putting too much unproductive time and effort into soccer and neglecting their own businesses.

A committee of 10 businessmen in a large State League or National League club would lose at least \$100,000 a year by deterioration of their personal businesses, as well as health and family harmony. With that money they could employ the best professional manager and a number of staff. They could then sit back and let the real board directors of a successful company; they could be more successful at their private businesses; they could fully enjoy their families and circles of new and old friends; they would not develop as much ulcers; they would not become so irrational under tremendous pressures; and most importantly, they would last longer in their positions for the good of their own personal ambitions and for the good of the game.

Some of these business principles have been put to work in the past but with little real understanding, with limiting provisos and insufficient time to bear fruit.

Of all the clubs I am familiar with, perhaps South Melbourne Hellas is the one closest to accepting sound business principles in its administration. Good pointers are the appointment on a full-time basis, and at high cost one would imagine, of Rale Rasic as a general soccer manager much more than just a coach, the acquisition of top players for another little fortune and the announced appointment of a full-time promotions manager on top of the existing full-time clerk.

South Melbourne Hellas is taking giant steps towards realising its huge market potential. It will succeed eventually if it allows itself enough time without changing direction

Two seek club

New Zealand based coach Victor Ireland and his son Simon, a midfielder, are looking for clubs in Australia.

Victor played in England for Leeds and Barnsley, in Sydney for Croatia, in Spain for Menorca and in Canada for Toronto Italia. He was player-coach with Bayswater and Cockburn United in Perth before being appointed Director of Junior Football at New Brighton in Christchurch.

He was also junior coaching director with Lac St Louis Association in Montreal.

His son Simon, 17, made his senior debut with Christchurch United early this month, and promptly scored a hat-trick.

We were wrong

"Soccer Action" apologises for incorrect information published in last week's issue.

Inadvertently, we wrote that APIA was to play against Brisbane City in a postponed league match at Marconi Oval on Friday night. In fact, the match was a Cup fixture between Marconi and Brisbane City.

We reported that APIA and Adelaide City were to meet at Lambert Park in a NSL game on Sunday, but after the paper had been printed, this match was moved to Pratten Park on Saturday, due to fire damage inflicted by vandals at Lambert Park.

We also reported that the NSL match on June 5 were to be postponed to make room for the interstate match between Queensland and NSW. In fact, this match is to be played on May 8, and so it is the May 7-8 NSL round (round 9) that is to be postponed.

Neither will any NSL games be played on June 12 or 19. A split round was scheduled over these two dates, but has been called off to make room for the Australia-England test in Sydney on June 12, in Brisbane on June 15, and in Melbourne on June 19.

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Three men in the foreground of Frank Arok's thoughts. From left: former England manager Ron Greenwood; star England striker Kevin Keegan; and possible Socceroo squad newcomer, Barry Kelso, of Brisbane Lions.

After 27 years in the precarious business of coaching, Frank Arok's career could climax in June when his Australian team faces England in three internationals.

"That one week is all that matters now," he says calmly.

"Nobody really expects anything but three defeats, so there's no pressure on us, unlike in the two recent matches against the Kiwis which we were supposed to win.

"A draw would be a sensational result for us while a win would put Australia on the world map.

"Let's face it: for the average Australian fan in any sport the biggest thing is to beat the English. Not the Germans, not

the Argentinians, not the Pakistanis — but England.

"I'm not saying we can do it — only that it would be a milestone for our soccer."

Arok is anything but a daydreamer, he knows the potential of the Australian team and the strength of the English, too. The odds, he says, clearly point to a string of three England victories.

"However, we must have a slim chance," he adds. "If Cyprus can hold Italy and Czechoslovakia to a draw, if the Greeks can get a draw at Wembley, if the Albanians can lose only by the odd goal to West Germany, why should there be no hope for us against the Poms?"

Arok agrees that the English will carry a number of handicaps. They will arrive after an inhumanly long season, some players having played up to 60 matches.

They will be, inevitably, in a slightly relaxed mood.

"In fact, they will find it hard to combat their superiority complex," he says.



Frank Arok, the Australian coach.

"Those English stars will ask themselves what no-hopers they have to beat this time, at the end of the world.

"That's why I hope that England will arrive with all its big guns, the Robsons, Hodges, Keegans, Mariners, Wilshes and others.

"Second-string players would be more dangerous; they still want to prove their worth, they want to claw their way into the team.

"I honestly don't believe any of the nonsense about England not sending its 'top' side here. Which is their top team? They could field six teams of almost equal calibre. They have no Maradonas or Zicos — but they have literally hun-

dreds of excellent players to choose from."

Frank Arok is still some-

what surprised to have been appointed caretaker coach for the series. Not because he suffers from pangs of false modesty — but because of his reputation as an uncompromising taskmaster.

"When they offered me the post, I outlined my conditions," he says. "I said if they accept them it's fine, if they refuse, they can get another coach."

The ASF accepted the Arok conditions — so did national coach Les Scheinflug and manager Andrew Lederer. The result: Arok is the sole boss.

"We decided that the three of us will select the initial list of 33 players from which the

squad will emerge. If there is no consensus on the 33 names — my word is the decider.

"I insisted on naming the final squad and I alone will select the actual teams. I will also train the team, with Tony Boggi as my assistant.

"This week, when the squad gets together for the first two-day stint, I will ask Les Scheinflug to greet the players and say a few words to them. Then I take over and do things my way.

"Apart from Scheinflug, Lederer and Boggi plus my masseur, I don't need and want anybody else at the training sessions, not Scheinflug's assistant Raul Blanco, not gear steward Mike Urakalo. I don't like too many people hanging around my teams.

Arok won't be drawn into making any comment on Les Scheinflug's methods.

"He has his own ways, I have mine. I have explained to Les that I'm not after his permanent job. The moment the England tour is over, he can take the team back and do what he likes. But not while I'm in charge and I carry the responsibility."

Arok says he reduced the number of planned training camps to two-day affairs plus one match. He is not a great believer in "camps" as such. Neither does he like to put his players under unnecessary strain.

Scheinflug, for instance, often tells his players what they should eat — even at home — before an international. Arok says he couldn't care less what they ate.

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By ANDREW DETTRE

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With one typically continental gesture, he dismisses a recent beat-up story in a Sydney newspaper about his "planned rough-them-up" tactics against England. He is

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BRAZIL AND ITALY SHOW THE WAY



RALE RASIC

Attendances at some NSL matches are, to put it mildly, disappointing. What is the solution?

Regrettably, clubs that have done very well on the field over the years are among those losing crowds.

But all clubs must remember that they carry responsibility not only for winning, but also for entertaining the fans.

Perhaps some clubs underestimate the playing customers. Contrary to what some may think, these paying customers know the difference between entertaining play and boredom.

So, some of the clubs that are winning and still not drawing crowds, are experiencing the judgement of the ordinary fans.

This leads me to recent arti-



Italian international Gaetano Scirea

cles in "Soccer Action" about Watford's style of play and suggestions that this style which supposedly is concerned simply with getting the ball forward as quickly as possible — should be pursued in Australia.

People who say such things must not be too simplistic about their judgements. Also, it is dangerous to encourage what by some would be interpreted as "kick and rush" football.

Watford's football is not "kick and rush" and it can only be played by top-class professionals. First, you have to examine the super ability of Watford's strikers, Barnes and Blissett. And the service they get is not made up of "accidental" balls. On the contrary, it takes a hell of a lot of talent to play good 40 or 30-metre passes. Barnes and Blissett have the ability to deal with such balls, but I doubt very much that we have forwards in Australia with such ability.

So let's not preach Wat-



Watford and England striker Luther Blissett (white shirt) about to be confronted by Victorian state team defenders Steve Blair (left) and Stuart Cannell.

ford's style without having the players to implement it, otherwise we run the risk of "kick and run" soccer which will alienate the fans even more.

Indeed, I've already seen a few clubs which appear to have this sort of attitude.

Instead of trying to draw the lead from Watford, let's have a look at what sort of football is suitable to Australian climatic conditions.

We had, for example, a year of hard grounds on which the ball moves much faster, making the game much different than it would be on a soft surface. The number of errors that occur on a soft ground are greater in number, which often forces players to kick the ball quickly away from their own goal for fear of such mistakes occurring. That's OK in the wet, but we shouldn't encourage it in general.

When the weather gets up around 36 deg., the long ball game becomes impossible. Imagine players chasing after such balls at top pace in stifling heat. They'd collapse! Our climatic conditions are very similar to Brazil's, so wouldn't it be wiser to encourage the type of soccer that is played there? In the World Cup, we all saw Brazil's continuous procession of short passes, with only every 10th or so being over a long distance.

Italy, too, played a shorter game, based on organisation and playing the ball out from the back, via Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini and even flanker Conti who started very deep.

Our national youth team plays such football, because the players all have great technical ability — and these players a model for other teams to follow.

Of course we had other great footballing teams in the

championships with excellent, entertaining build-up play, as did Marconi in its best season but when Roberto Veri declined, Marconi lost its rhythm and much of its possession and, ultimately, it lost a great team.

Now Sydney Olympic, South Melbourne Hellas, St George Budapest and Heidelberg all are playing a similar sort of football based on composure and entertaining inter-passing and I'm sure all will be in contention for the championship title.

And who's on top in England? None other than Liverpool which also plays the ball around, and also Manchester United which does likewise. Do I make my point?

Hooligans

During South Melbourne Hellas' recent match against St George in Sydney, a bottle was thrown inches over Carl Holford's head and a cricket ball folded in paper was thrown from the crowd and bounced off my foot. Imagine if it had been my head! The disturbance was caused by a group of lunatics calling themselves Sydney Olympic supporters — part of a primitive fringe trying to promote hatred between Olympic South Melbourne and Hellas.

I can only pity them.

Both clubs have made very responsible moves this year to improve the national competition and there's no way an irresponsible mob can spoil relations between these two clubs.

I coached Olympic (then called Pan Hellenic) for two years and thoroughly enjoyed every minute, just as I am enjoying my coaching at Hellas.

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J.U.S.T. may sign Purdie, Brisbane City after leaders

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ian Purdie of Canberra Arrows is training with the war-torn Footscray J.U.S.T. squad preparing for its bottom-of-the-table clash with Marconi at Schindler Reserve on Sunday.

The match will be shown on Channel 0/28's "Match of the Day" programme on Sunday night.

Purdie, formerly of Aberdeen, Dundee, Portsmouth and Wigan Athletic, fell out with Canberra and has not played this year, although he was the club's top scorer with nine goals in 1982. He scored four in 1981.

Purdie has been training at the Institute of Sport, under its soccer director, Jim Shouler, to keep fit.

Coach Bobby McLachlan also has arranged for a Scottish utility player to join the club within the next two weeks. McLachlan refused to divulge the name until all red tape has been eliminated.

Meanwhile, J.U.S.T. has problems galore after playing two games in as many days last weekend — a 1-1 draw with Sydney City in Sydney, and a 0-5 loss to Brisbane Lions in Brisbane.

Zdravko Lujic couldn't play in Brisbane and remains doubtful because of a hamstring injury. Kyri Kouleas has a groin strain and Graham Tutill may be suspended because of an excess of penalty points.

J.U.S.T.'s injury problems are the direct result of the NSL's fixture bungling. J.U.S.T. and Sydney City were made to play for the NSL's decision to cancel matches due to rain two weeks ago. The NSL conceded it was wrong to do so, yet it rescheduled the matches in such a way that four clubs were required to play twice within two days. As it turned out, the Sydney City-St. George game was postponed last Sunday, again because of rain, leaving J.U.S.T., Marconi and Brisbane City as the three that paid for the NSL's mistakes.

Anyone who saw Marconi against Olympic on Sunday understands how the Marconi players must have been feeling after having beaten Brisbane City in their postponed Cup match on the Friday night.

Brisbane City appears the only team that didn't suffer, as it managed to beat previous league leader West Adelaide 1-0 in Adelaide.

Brisbane City by the way, is potentially the NSL leader. A victory over APIA from its postponed game would give Brisbane City a total of 13 points — two more than joint leaders Makedonia and West Adelaide.

Newcastle v West Adel.

Record so far: Newc. 4 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 12:9 goals.

Graeme Heys of West Adelaide returns to face the club for which he scored 30 goals, seeking to lift West back to the

top of the ladder. Heys, who ranks second only to Ken Boden (27 goals) among Newcastle's all-time top NSL scorers, now seeks to set up scoring chances for West's big striker Paul Wormley, bought from Townsville United.

Newcastle hopes to have Gary Watson back after injury to help stop Wormley, as Michael Boogaard is unavailable due to suspension.

Midfielder Joe Senkalski also is suspended, and mid-fielder Ian Buckley, like Watson, has been out injured.

Brett Cowburn may come into the midfield to replace Senkalski, while Neal Endacott is a possible replacement in defence.

Newcastle showed against Makedonia last week that it can defend stoutly when it has to, but with all its problems, I don't think it can keep out West Adelaide for the whole game.

Brisb City v. SM-Hellas

Record so far: Brisb. C. 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 15:18 goals.

Brisbane City, the "shadow leader" of the NSL, has a traditional advantage over Hellas since 1977, and under coach Jim Hermiston, is playing with sufficient determination to win again, particularly if Kale Rasic carried out the impetuous threats he made after last week's loss to Wollongong.

Rasic threatened at that time to drop Steve Blair, Alan Davidson and Bobby Russell — but it probably was only talk. Take those three out, and the Hellas team would collapse.

Oscar Crino missed out last week because he had the flu. Crino adds a lot of creative flair to an otherwise utilitarian midfield, and it'll be interesting to see whether Rasic re-includes him.

Against Brisbane City Hellas certainly could use a virtuoso like Crino — particularly as City's humid weather suits his style.

But I expect Brisbane City to win. The defence of Peter Tokesi, Steve Perry, Billy Wilkinson and Frank Liddell are the strength of the team, and they'll give it everything they've got to keep out Charlie Egan and Doug Brown.

The midfielders — Bobby Hamilton, Frank Pimblett and Billy Williamson — have a wealth of experience and talent and certainly look the equals of their Hellas counterparts.

League leadership is a tempting lure for any team. In this case, it is within easy



Brisbane City's Frank Pimblett

reach of Hermiston's men, and they're set to grab it with both hands.

APIA v. Makedonia

Record so far: Mak. 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 8:6 goals.

There's been talk that APIA is trying to buy John Kosmina from Sydney City, but even he would have a lot of trouble dislodging Makedonia from the top of the ladder.

I have a feeling Peter Oller-ton will put himself on the bench for this one. Being top of the ladder will play on the team's nerves, and Oller-ton is just the man to calm them down if necessary. After all, with 18 goals, he's Makedonia's joint top scorer in the NSL, and APIA is one of his former clubs.

With Gordon Flavell and Con Opasinas back, Makedonia should be able to contain Sebastian Giampolo and his fellow forwards, but the Makedonia midfielders will have to be much more incisive to win this game.

Still, I expect a Makedonia victory.

Heidelberg v. Brish Lions

Record so far: H'berg 5 wins, 5 draws, 2 losses, 16:9 goals.

Despite Heidelberg's 0-3 loss to Canberra last Saturday, coach Ken Morton maintains his side still is the best in the league.

He took all of the blame for the defeat, explaining that he should not have called training sessions on Friday night, during which a number of players, including goalkeeper Jeff Oliver, suffered slight injuries which hampered them against Canberra.

"But games like the one against Lions are those that you have to win if you pretend you're a good side, and we'll certainly win on Sunday," Morton said.

Barry Kelso and Danny Wright will pose a problem for the Heidelberg defence, but with Charlie Yankos in superb form, the Lions should return home as pussy cats.

St George v. Canberra

Record so far: St Geo 4 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 15:18 goals.

Canberra has cut loose with some big wins against St George over the years but even though Canberra remains the top-scoring team in the 1983 league, I can't see anything but a St George victory this time.

The Canberra defence appears simply too inexperienced to deal with old fox Dez Marton, Robbie Slater and big Paul Wilkinson, backed up by midfield general Peter Stone.

Saints also has two excellent flank players in David Sken and Rob O'Shea who further

will add to Canberra's woes, paving the way to a victory which will make Saints a threat to the leaders.

Wollongong v. Sydney City

Record so far: Syd C. 3 wins, 1 draw, 0 loss, 12:4 goals.

Wollongong will employ the same tactics that gave it a win against Hellas: sound defence and breakaways via Roy Cotton and Phil O'Connor.

Obviously Sydney City will have the territorial advantage because Joe Watson, Ian Souness and Murray Barnes always have a lot of the ball, but if it is to win, it probably will have to be content with one goal — two at the most.

City simply is too good to languish near the foot of the ladder, not that its current position is any indication of reality. In fact, a victory from its postponed game against St George would put Sydney City on 10 points — one behind the leaders.

Adel City v. Syd Olympic

Record so far: Adel C. 5 wins, 0 draw, 5 losses, 17:15 goals.

These teams have been evenly matched over the years, but this time Sydney Olympic should win quite convincingly.

The victory over Marconi has given the Olympic stars just the stimulus they need to produce all their brilliance, so expect a blitz by Peter Katollos, Marshall Soper, Jim Patikas and Ricky Herbert: a blitz which will leave Adelaide City in ruins.

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Newcastle KB v. West Adelaide Hellas at International Sports Centre, 2 pm.

SUNDAY
Heidelberg-Alexander v. Brisbane Lions at Olympic Village, 3 pm.

St George Budapest v. Canberra Arrows at St George Stadium, 3 pm.

Wollongong v. Sydney City Hakoah at Ziem Park, Central, 3 pm.

Brisbane City v. South Melbourne Hellas at Spencer Park, 3 pm.

APIA-Leichhardt v. Preston Makedonia — venue to be determined.

Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Marconi-Fairfield at Schindler Reserve, 3 pm.

Adelaide City Juventus v. Sydney Olympic, Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.

Angele to Fawknor

Heidelberg-Alexander this week agreed to release Fabio Angele on a free loan to State League club Fawknor.

Angele, 19, plays as stopper or sweeper. Fawknor lost its sweeper Les Gooney through injury recently, meaning that Ian Tuffield, who scored 15 goals as a striker last year, had to be switched to defence.

Heidelberg also agreed to grant a free transfer to its former captain Arthur McMillan, in return for his six years' loyal service to the club.

McMillan has not yet decided which club to join.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

In answer to Katholos

SIR — In answer to Peter Katholos' column concerning a story of mine, I was most surprised to read his article about the Press in his column of April 6.

With full respect to the truth and the job I've been doing as a sports reporter for the past 20 years, I would like to inform Katholos and your readers that the players in question did say what was reported with great accuracy and without any sensationalism in "Neos Kosmos".

The players or anybody in that case must have the courage to face the consequences of these allegations.

Otherwise they must never say things that may hurt people or stir up all sorts of "atmospheres".

— ELIAS DOUNOUDIS, Sports editor, "Neos Kosmos"

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets:

		HOME				AWAY							
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1.	(5) Preston-Makedonia	2	1	0	4	2	1	1	1	6	5	10:7	11
2.	(1) West Adelaide Hellas	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	2	5:3	11
*3.	(7) Brisbane City	2	0	1	7	6	1	1	0	2	1	9:7	10
4.	(2) Heidelberg-Alexander	2	1	0	4	1	0	2	1	1	4	5:5	9
5.	(10) Canberra Arrows	2	1	0	10	2	0	1	2	3	5	13:7	8
6.	(3) Sth Melbourne Hellas	1	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	5	4	9:6	8
7.	(11) Sydney Olympic	1	1	1	5	2	1	1	1	3	4	8:6	8
8.	(4) Newcastle KB United	1	2	0	3	2	1	0	2	5	4	8:6	8
9.	(6) Adelaide City Juventus	2	1	0	5	3	0	1	2	1	5	6:8	8
*10.	(8) St. George Budapest	2	1	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	4:3	7
11.	(12) Wollongong	0	3	0	3	1	1	1	1	4	4	7:7	7
*12.	(13) APIA-Leichhardt	2	0	0	3	0	0	1	2	1	4	4:4	7
13.	(15) Brisbane Lions	2	0	1	7	2	0	1	2	2	9	9:10	7
*14.	(9) Sydney City Hakoah	1	1	0	3	1	1	0	2	3	6	6:7	7
15.	(14) Marconi-Fairfield	1	1	1	3	5	0	0	3	0	5	3:9	4
16.	(18) Footscray-J.U.S.T.	1	0	2	3	8	0	1	2	1	6	4:15	4

*Match in hand

Tokesi gains on Yankos

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Ward pen.) **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0** at Connor Reserve. Crowd about 3000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Boogaard (N), 5. Burke (N), 4. Flavell (Mak), 3. Campbell (Mak), 2. Todorski (Mak), 1. Jones (Mak).

BRISBANE LIONS 5 (Kelso 2, Niven pen., Wright, Tutill 5 o.g.) **FOOTSCRAY JUST 0** at Richlands. Crowd about 800. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. R. Stewart (BL), 5. Wright (BL), 4. Niven (BL), 3. Marszalek (BL), 2. Hunter (BL), 1. Kelso (BL).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) at Middle Park. Crowd 4500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Vlietstra (W), 5. Preston (W), 4. Holford (SM), 3. Murphy (SM), 2. Pollard (W), 1. Egan (SM).

CANBERRA 3 (Bryant, Gibson, Perinovic) **HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0** at Bruce Stadium. Crowd 1500. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Bryant (C), 5. Gibson (C), 4. Byrne (C), 3. Yankos (H), 2. Toro (H), 1. Vincent (H).

WEST ADELAIDE CITY HELLAS 0 BRISBANE CITY 1 (Glockner) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd 2300. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Tokesi (BC), 5. Hamilton (BC), 4. Williamson (BC), 3. Pimblett (BC), 2. Wilkinson (BC), 1. McGregor (WA).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Soper 2) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 4632. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Patikas (SO), 5. Dakos (SO), 4. Soper (SO), 3. Jennings (SO), 2. Budini (M), 1. Herbert (SO).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 2 (B. Nyskohus o.g., Jones) **ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0** at Pratten Park. Crowd 1435. Votes by Roger Sherrick:

6. Woodhouse (APIA), 5. Bradley (APIA), 4. Banfield (AC), 3. P. Treddinick (APIA), 2. Carter (APIA), 1. Bertogna (APIA).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Barnes) **FOOTSCRAY JUST 1** (Belic), postponed game at Marconi Stadium, Friday night (double header). Crowd 2351. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Boland (JUST), 5. Kyria-

koules (JUST), 4. Belic (JUST), 3. Kay (SC), 2. Watson (SC), 1. Curovic (JUST).

Leaders:
29. Yankos (H'berg), 28. Tokesi (BC), 20. Bryant (C), 19. R. Stewart (BC), Burke (Newc.).

17. Vlietstra (W), 16. Patikas (SO), 15. Odzakovic (Mak), Perry (BC).

14. G. Campbell (Mak), Henderson (Marc), Murphy (SM).

3. Hoszowski (C), Davidson (SM).

12. Dunleavy (W), Spanos (H'berg), Bradley (APIA), Sproul (WA), Stone (St. G.).

11. O'Connor (W), Banfield (AC), Greedy, Sken (St. G.), 10. Carroll (JUST), Budini (Marc), Holford (SM), Soper (So), McGachey, Dunn (WA), Lowe (Newc.).

Top scorers:
4. Egan (SM), Soper (SO), Mountford (Newc.), 3. Wright (BL), Kosmina (SC), Redmond, Bryant (C).

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R. STEWART (1) (Brisb. Lions) **HAMILTON (1)** (Brisb. City) **BRYANT (2)** (Canberra)

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Sydney City 1
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Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 2381.
Referee: J. Reeves 6.
Yellow cards: Tutill (F), Barnes (SC).

Scorers: Barnes 79th (SC), Bolin 90th (J.U.S.T.).
SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 6, Cent 6, Robertson 7, O'Connor 7, Kirakoulas 7, Tutill 6, Bolin 5, Bruce 6, Murray 7, Watson 7, Barnes 5, Sounass 6, (De Marigny 75), Kosmina 5, Kay 7.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 8, Hazabont 6, Curovic 7, Kyriakoulas 7, Tutill 6, Bolin 7, Taylor 7, Carroll 6, McLeod 5, Paton 6, Lujic 6.

Sydney City had most of the play, Footscray J.U.S.T. had most of the chances and in the end I dare say that the visitors had more reasons to feel robbed, despite taking one point away from the favoured Slickers.

After Vlatko Belic beat Pezzano only to see Paul Kay clear off the line in the 34th minute the visitors, for most part happy with defending, came out and started to look more aggressive.

Gus McLeod could have had his name on the scoresheet had Belic elected to pass, rather than lob from 16 metres after Sydney City found its defence rather thin with Footscray having an extra player, then in the 67th minute it was Footscray star Zdravko Lujic who put in a miserable shot from 12 metres after put in the clear by McLeod.

Jamie Paton, the only forward who looked menacing through this match, had his opportunity in the 73rd minute after a header by McLeod, but his shot from four metres out went past the post.

Then came a superb effort by Belic in the 76th minute. His shot from well outside the box beat Pezzano all ends up but hit the crossbar, bouncing to safety.

Whilst all this was going on, Sydney City managed to produce only with one goal chance, Paul Kay receiving some 10 metres from Boland and

Alex Vesic

unattended. His drive was powerful but the save from Boland was equal. If we add to this that this very first opportunity for Slickers came in the 66th minute, then you can form your own opinion of the sluggish display by the home team. Slickers' second opportunity came after 70 minutes. Murray Barnes appeared to have "carried" the ball with his right hand around Kyriakoulas before slamming a low drive past Boland from some four metres. Footscray players went "bananas" chasing the linesman at the far side as well as Referee Reeves.

Two Footscray players received yellow cards at the centre circle for the dissent shown and the controversial goal stood giving Slickers their slender one goal advantage.

However J.U.S.T. was not to be outdone and came out fighting in the last 10 minutes, to score through Belic. Following a cross by Lujic it was McLeod and Pezzano who went for the ball. Neither managed to control the high cross and Belic came in to head high into the roof of the net.

Controversy was the order of the day yet again as Pezzano raced after the referee, claiming a foul by McLeod. Reeves was not to be moved but Pezzano must consider himself very lucky to have gone without the card. Had Reeves shown the consistency of a good arbitrator Pezzano would have been in the book.

Well, Sydney City had most of the play but had no solution up front, sadly missing someone of Kenny Boden's ability to do the unusual. At the other end, J.U.S.T. looked dangerous in its counter attacking moves with Lujic and Paton prominent and its defence was competent.

Senkalski, Boogaard off; Flavell stops Lee

Makedonia 1
Newcastle 0

Goal: Ward penalty 66th.
Venue: Connor Reserve.
Crowd: About 3000.
Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 9.
Sent off: Senkalski (N) 3rd min., Boogaard (N) 82nd.
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA: Wilson 6 - Todorovski 8 - Opasnik 7, Jones 7, Flavell 8 - Hissoli 6, Odraskov 6 (Llavingstone 77th), McMillan 6 - Ward 7, Lucchesi 6, Campbell 8.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7, Miler 7, Boogaard 9 (sent off 82nd), Burke 9, Tredinnick 7 - Mason 6, Senkalski (sent off 3rd min), Jones 7 (Cowburn 77th) - Lee 6, Lowe 6, Mountford 6.

Among all the jubilation in the Makedonia social club, only a few staunch realists pondered what could

have happened in this match. Sure, Makedonia was on top of the ladder now, but against a Newcastle team reduced to 10 men after only three minutes, Makedonia never looked a convincing winner.

Newcastle, quite logically, concerned itself with defence after Joe Senkalski was sent off for kicking Con Opasnik, the marker of David Lowe. Breakaway attacks became Newcastle's main weapon and in the first 15 minutes, Grant Lee, playing only his second game after transferring from Sydney City, threatened to turn the tactics into goals.

He was fast, aggressive and enthusiastic for the ball and Makedonia, quite clearly, was worried.

Then, however, Gordon Flavell moved from midfield to pick up Lee and from that mo-



Laurie Schwah

ment, Newcastle was less dangerous. Not only did Flavell snuff out Lee, he also contributed enormously to general defensive play and helped push Makedonia forward.

Makedonia, however, was slow and unimaginative in its build-ups. The ball went square and backwards in midfield and even in defence, giving the forwards little chance to find space for themselves.

George Campbell, however,

was ever-dangerous on the left flank. Indeed, as the game went on, he became more and more the team's main avenue of attack, and so other players looked for him. He used his skill to get around opponents and young Ralf Miler, although he deserves credit for his effort, will remember this game as one of his toughest. But the heroes were Newcastle centre backs Michael Boogaard and Peter Burke, the men who put up so much resistance that Newcastle almost went home with a point even though it finished the match with only nine men.

It was devotion to duty that resulted in Boogaard being sent off eight minutes from the end.

Boogaard, in the team to replace injured Gary Watson, stopped a header by Gary Watson from going into the net by punching it away with both

fists. Goalkeeper Clint Gosling already was beaten, so Boogaard really had no choice. It earned him the yellow card from referee Dennis Voutsinas and it gave Makedonia a penalty from which Ward eventually scored the winning goal. Later, when the ball was going over his head to Ward who was in the clear, Boogaard again put up both hands to stop the ball and to prevent Ward from breaking away. It was another yellow card offence, and as you can't be shown the yellow card twice in one game, Voutsinas had no option but to send Boogaard off - reluctantly, I'm sure.

Back to that penalty, however. Gosling blocked Ward's first shot, and Ward followed up to score on the rebound. Voutsinas, however, ruled Gosling had moved too early, so he had Ward take the penalty again, and this time a goal resulted.

Daunt keeps goal after Lownds breaks arm

Brisb. Lions 5
Foots. JUST 0

Scorers, BL: Niven (pen) 30, Kelso 49th and 81st, own goal Tutill 67th, Wright 78th.
Venue: Richlands Stadium.
Crowd: about 800.
Referee: Alan Kibbler 8.

LIONS: Lownds 7, (Daunt 52nd), McKimming 7, Hunter 8, Marzalek 8, Niven 8, Hogg 7, R. Stewart 9, Ogden 7, J. Stewart 6, Kelso 7, Wright 8.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 6, Curovic 6, Tutill 7, Kyriakoulas 6, Hazabont 6, Bolin 6, Taylor 7, Carroll 6, McLeod 6, Parton 7, Simic 6.

Footscray JUST coach Bobby McLachlan attacked the National League for its "disgraceful" programming and said his team "did not have a chance" of beating

Brisbane Lions after playing Sydney City two days earlier.

And McLachlan's assessment reflected the way the tired and battered J.U.S.T. side hobbled and jogged its way through a humiliating 5-0 defeat.

McLachlan conceded that throughout the game his side "only went through the motions".

"It's a big enough task to come to Brisbane and play the one game on a weekend. But to play a night game in Sydney, then be thrown out into the heat of a Queensland afternoon two days later is just not on," he said.

"My boys gave their everything on Friday night. After such a great performance I couldn't ask for anything more. They had done their job in getting a point from Sydney City. It takes three or four days to get over a match like that. We didn't stand a chance against Lions," McLachlan said.

JUST had only two real attacks, when Jamie Paton glanced a header across the face of the goal, and the incident that resulted in Lions keeper Nigel Lownds breaking his arm.

None of the Footscray players was to blame but the visitors should have scored as a result - and that would have put them right back in the game. Graham Tutill made a great run up the centre and played a glorious ball behind fullback Bobby McKimming. Paton chased and met it at the same time as Lownds. Both crashed to the ground but Paton got up quickly and found himself with an open goal. But the former Heidelberg striker rushed his shot and angled wide.

Big Gus McLeod was there to save it from a goalkick and should have put his shot in, but in the panic that evolved with the keeper still lying on the ground, McLeod shot wide to the left and Paul Simic, racing in to finish, put the ball to the left of the post.

At that stage the score was only 2-0. Lownds was replaced by reserve Calvin Daunt - who luckily, due to his goalkeeping background as a junior, is the team's emergency reserve keeper.

Footscray did try to pressure Daunt and he dived bravely at Gus McLeod's feet on one occasion to stop what appeared to be a certain goal.

But then it all became too



Ricky Rosso

Gala day

Folk singers and dancers representing many districts of Yugoslavia will entertain the crowd before the Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Marconi match at Schintler Reserve on Sunday. It is planned to be the biggest cultural display yet arranged in conjunction with a soccer match.

Members of parliament, the Mayor of Footscray and local councillors also will be present.

much for the weary JUST players and from the 60th minute onwards they were at Lions' mercy. The final result brought back memories of Footscray's 1-7 loss to Lions at Richlands last year.

Although Lions dominated the game from almost the kick-off, it took the home side 30 minutes to score. And that came through a penalty awarded after Saleiman Curovic tackled young Danny Wright.

Lions captain Alan Niven took the kick and JUST keeper Denis Boland dived brilliantly to block the shot. But to his dismay the ball rebounded back to Niven's feet and he coolly slotted it in the other corner.

Lions got their second four minutes after the break when a defensive mix-up between Kyriakoulas and Tutill saw the ball roll right into Kelso's path.

Then John Stewart played a cross onto the penalty spot and Tutill, under a lot of pressure from Kelso, sent a bullet-like header past Boland and into the roof on his own net.

Lions, brilliantly masterminded by Russell Stewart in the midfield and backed by some sound defence from Alan Hunter and Alan Niven, surged forward and scored two goals in three minutes in a period where they looked set to rattle up a score of double figures.

Marconi 0
Olympic 2

Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 4632.
Referee: Richard Lorenz 9
Yellow cards: Botanic, Henderson, Budini (M),
Red cards: Nil
Goals: Soper 15', 90'.

MARCONI: James 7, Botanic 5, Riazovic 7, (Brown 39') - 5 McCulloch 6, Henderson 7, Budini 7, Carbone 6, Sermani 5, Hunter 6, Jankovic 7, Djordjevic 5.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Miler 8, Martyn 6, Jennings 8, Robertson 7, Dakos 8, Phillips 7, Petikas 8, Katholos 7, Raskopoulos 7 (Coady 35' - 7), Paterson 5, Soper 8.

The hero of Marconi's win over Brisbane City, Jovan Djordjevic, was hardly seen during the match with Olympic and his last touch of the ball in this match finished in a second goal for Olympic. Ricky Budini attempted a clearance but missed with his overhead kick, but Djordjevic in-

explicitly attempted a lob towards his keeper. Marshall Soper was the recipient, and following the simplest of headers, Bruce James was beaten.

Thus ended Marconi's third straight league defeat without scoring a goal in the process. It is also important to note that this is the lowest this proud club has ever reached in the NSL history.

Marconi's new English import, Steve Winn, who arrived at the week, again was missing from the line-up. In fact, the 23-year old striker has not been seen at the ground during Marconi's last two matches. Rumors have it that the youngster is having problems with injuries collected in England.

After 10 minutes the Sydney Olympic midfield took charge, with Phillips, Patikas and Katholos always in control.

Canberra 3
Heidelberg 0

Goals: Bryant, Gibson, Perinovic.

Venue: Bruce Stadium.
Crowd: 1500.
Referee: Glyn Davies (Can).
Cautions: Solomidis, Vincent, G. Byrne.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hazabont 8 - Young 8, Murray 8, Walsh 8, Mourzopoulos 8 - G. Byrne 8, T. Byrne 8, Bryant 9 - Gibson 9, Brennan 7 (Maclean 8, 45th min), Perinovic 6.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 - McKillo 7, Yankos 8, Macleod 7, Spanos 8, Solomidis 7 (Lee 60th), Vincent 8, Toro - Campbell 7, Patterson 7, Valentino 7.

High-flying Canberra hit three goals in 17 minutes of the second half at Canberra on Sunday to send Heidelberg crashing to its first defeat of the season.

For George Murray, apart from the so vitally needed three points, the biggest thrill was seeing a young, untried youngster given a chance and succeed.

"That is one of the biggest thrills of coaching," Murray said.

The player in question was 18-year-old Marko Perinovic who had a dream debut up front, capped by getting Canberra's final goal in the 62nd minute.

The real action was reserved for the second half.

Ian Gibson had his best game of the season and it was his expertly struck cross in the 52nd minute that set up the goal.

Although it was cleared, it fell to Don McLaren who shot first time and hard. Again the ball was blocked only to roll to Steve Bryant on the edge of the penalty area.

Bryant, a player of prodigious work rate, struck the ball along the ground to see it skirt untripped feet before rebounding into the net off the far post.

It was in the 15th minute of the first half that the youngster got up to a corner kick by Katholos to head goalwards, with



Peter Windsor

It was the vital breakthrough.

In the 59th minute Gibson, after a goalmouth melee, made it 2-0. Again it was great pressure that brought the second.

Bryant set up this goal with a superb cross-the-park cross to Perinovic. The youngster brought the ball down expertly and shot - only to see a flying Jeff Oliver tip it onto the crossbar.

The ball bounced out to Gibson who then stabbed it home from close-range.

Perinovic, of course, got Canberra's final goal, as mentioned earlier, in the 62nd minute. And the youngster deserved it for he battled hard all day.

It wasn't until the last 15 minutes or so that Heidelberg looked dangerous.

It attacked with precision and flair and Canberra had three lucky let-offs. First, in the 72nd minute, midfielder Toro beat everyone with a neat shot only to see it hit the bar and late in the game both Derek Lea and Michael Valentine missed fine, close-range opportunities by shooting wide.

For Canberra it was a great win - one, tragically watched by a pitifully poor crowd of 1,500. For Heidelberg it was a bitter disappointment - disastrously so, considering its previously unbeaten record.

Best for the visitors were Yankos at the back, skipper Campbell - at least in the first half - and Robert Vincent. The first came after Canberra's best were Gibson and Bryant - and Terry Byrne who made a great success of playing midfield rather than in defence.

His runs upfield were always effective - while the reshuffled back-line did its job superbly.

Two-goal Soper sinks Marconi

By ALEX VESIC

Soper needing the slightest of touches to beat James.

Olympic's Steve Paterson had an unhappy afternoon being presented with three easy conversions in as many minutes, managing to miss the lot. The first came after 68 minutes after he turned past Henderson but hit the side netting from seven metres. A minute later he was facing James from a pass by Patikas but this time he lobbed the keeper and in the process the crossbar also.

30 seconds later it was an advancing Dakos who found Paterson with a deep cross which eluded the Marconi defence, but yet again Paterson was slow to react and allowed James to dive at his feet and save.

Some 10 minutes later Marconi had its chance to make it 1-1, but a cross by Henderson which found Hunter at the far post and unattended, was wasted - and that was the ball game.

Raskopoulos played well until he sustained an injury which could keep him away from the game for a while.

The unfortunate Raskopoulos was injured after 35 minutes, limped on for a few minutes, then was replaced by Coady and looked in pain after the game. "I don't think I'll be back for a while," said Raskopoulos after the game.

Whilst Raskopoulos will nurse his injuries for a while, Tony Dakos was back in action for Olympic and back to his best. Not only did the youngster perform well in defence but he was at his most menacing coming forward to support his attack in set play situations.

It was in the 15th minute of the first half that the youngster got up to a corner kick by Katholos to head goalwards, with

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Rasic blames Blair, Russell, Davidson

SM Hellas 0
Wollongong 1

Scorer: O'Connor 80m.
Venue: Middle Park.
Attendance: 4500.
Referee: Venios 7.
Cautions: O'Connor.
HELLAS: Laumet 6, Russell 6, Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Yzendoorn 7, Davidson 7, Holford 8, Murphy 8, Woodfin 8 (Buljevic 61m), Egan 8, Brown 6.

Peter Desira

singing the praises of his Young Soccer Ray Vlietstra. "It was a good all-round team performance but Vlietstra was outstanding at centreback. He is improving with every match," he said while the Wolves players belatedly under the showers, savouring their first victory of the season.

"We could have been three goals down in the first 15 minutes but we organised ourselves at the back and in mid-field, fought hard and when the little break came our way we took it.

"This was our best result so far but we have played better against Newcastle, Brisbane City and Leichhardt without getting a result."

While the reactions of the two coaches made it a reporter's dream, the best quote of the afternoon went definitely to that man of many talents, Tim White — wearing the commentator's hat on Sundays — who described the match so aptly, saying simply "It was daylight robbery."

There really should have been only one winner, because Hellas dominated the match for 80 of the 90 minutes.

The home side could have broken the deadlock in the opening exchanges but two world-class saves by Jim Preston kept the wolves hanging in there and the visitors grew in confidence as the minutes ticked by.

Preston dived to his right to deflect a thunderbolt by Steve Woodin, who connected with a cross from Doug Brown.

From the ensuing corner Steve Blair headed goalwards but the keeper emerged from nowhere to tip the ball over the bar.

After 11 minutes it was the crossbar that came to the Wolves' rescue, stopping a scorcher from the edge of the box by Carl Holford. . . and Preston was on hand to stop a header from Charlie Egan from the rebound.

The Wolves did not create a scoring chance until the seventh minute of the second half when Phil O'Connor robbed Blair to set up Jeff Ainsworth but Peter Laumet saved well.

Rasic replaced Woodin with Branko Buljevic soon after and the action swung again to the Wollongong half, with Egan bringing another good save from Preston and then Ainsworth clearing an attempt off the line.

Buljevic missed the best chance of the game, meeting a cross from the right but getting muddled in his own feet with the keeper stranded on the ground to allow Chris Dunleavy to sneak in and put the ball away for a corner.

With all that pressure building, the inevitable counter-attack happened in the 88th minute.

Roy Cotton broke down the right, cut inside, his shot was half parried by Laumet and up bobbed O'Connor to get the loose ball and shoot home on the turn.

The smash and grab theft was well on the way. Wollongong had achieved its first win of the season and the Hellas committeemen can forget the poise they adopted in recent weeks and return to their old ways of worrying about what they have to do to bring an NSL championship to Victoria.

One senses a certain danger that the press build-up of the young Socceroos may backfire.

Come June, the entire country will expect — indeed, demand — that our boys reach the World Youth Cup final or even win the thing.

Of course, it may just happen. Let's not forget that in 1981, in Sydney, the microscopically tiny Qatar finished an amazing second in the series; who knows what would have happened on a dry pitch?

But what if something goes wrong and Les Scheinflug's Whiz Kids come home with two or three defeats behind them?

I rather suspect that the same colleagues who are now building our youngsters into ,sergeants of all human virtues will tear them apart.

Just how important is the World Youth Cup?

The Europeans don't seem to be too wrapped up in it. In fact, they clearly rate the European Under 21 and Under 23 championships higher in importance.

Back in 1981, if you remember, England came here without its best under-19 players, not released by the clubs.

West Germany actually won the WYC with a second-string team. Only two of the 11 who played in the final had been in

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the original squad which melted down with mass withdrawals.

Can you imagine them doing that in the senior World Cup? Brazil's team in 1962 was, in the words of its coach Vava, a "makeshift" affair, hammered together in haste before departure.

So poor was its 1981 youth crop that Tele Santana, then manager of Brazil — and visiting Australia for the matches in 1981 — said not one of them would ever play for Brazil.

At the same time it's true that the Young Socceroos did catch the imagination of the Australian public and rightly so.

I can pinpoint two main reasons for that. The first is that this team is genuinely Australian — boys born or raised in this country, no cast-offs from some obscure British club.

The fans — even the migrant

fans — can associate with the players, which they often find difficult with the senior star.

And the second reason, I suspect, is an instinctive recognition of the fact that there is not much wrong with our soccer — at that level.

A Jim Patikas, Tom McCullough, David Lowe or Fabio Incantapulo suffers little, if at all, when compared with his more pampered German, English, Italian or Soviet counterpart.

At 19 or so, it seems, we are a major soccer power. And so is Kuwait, Qatar or Rumania.

But none of them belong to the elite when it comes to seniors.

In our case, for a number of complex reasons, a break comes in the development of young players soon after they turn 20.

I feel that lack of incentive and a feeling of dejection about their future in a basically non-soccer country is part of the explanation. The

lack of a thoroughly professional preparation in clubs provides the coup de grace.

Just think: Recall the careers of a number of talented and highly promising young Australians.

Ray Baartz, Murray Barnes, John O'Shea, Gary Manuel, Max Tolson, Geoff Warren, David Johnston and, more recently, Steve Hogg, Terry Butler, Seb Giampaolo, Gary Marocchi and several others who peaked at 20 or so.

In fact, with rare exceptions like John Wattkins and John Warren, the majority even quit the game well before they are 30.

Statistics from the past two World Cup finals prove that the average — and clearly ideal — age of an international player is 26 or 27.

So our problem in Australia is not so much to produce promising and talented youngsters — which we now do — but to take them a giant step further towards a notable senior career.

It shouldn't be our aim to create, every two years, an exciting young team, without ensuring that the same crop or at least some of the boys then progress further and mature into major, quality players.

That is the true purpose of the World Youth Cup; that was the motive behind its establishment. And countries which forget this will pay for their sins with continued mediocrity at senior level.

Kosmina to troubled APIA?

APIA 2
Adel. City 0

Pratten Park
Crowd: 1435
Referee: Doug Rennie 8
Yellow cards: Woodhouse
Red cards: Nil
Goals: 35' B. Nyskohus o.g.
46' P. Jones

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 9, Carter 8, Pullen 7, Bertogno 7, Gray 7, Bradley 8, Tridnick 8, Butler 7, Morcello 7, De Ceglie 7, Jones 6 (Mariani 80).

ADELAIDE CITY: McNelly 6, Shillabeau 6, Banfield 7, Nyskohus 6, Cole 7, Dadds 5, Malta 6, Northcote 5 (Wright 84), Carter 6, Maxwell 5, Mullan 5.

An own goal and a missed penalty spell doom for Adelaide City at Pratten Park, where A.P.I.A. Leichhardt returned to its winning form. Constant refusals by the Leichhardt Council to come to terms with needs of APIA has added to the problems facing the home side, with only 1,000 spectators in attendance.

However, despite four changes to its line-up, APIA did manage to win, with Buggy



Roger Sherack

Nyskohus scoring an own goal in the first half and Peter Jones also scoring after a long lay-off due to injury.

Adelaide City could have made a game of it had Joe Mullen converted City's best chance in this match. Following a tackle by Woodhouse on Steve Maxwell inside the area, the APIA keeper was booked, with the spot kick going Adelaide City's way. Mullen took the kick, but Woodhouse was equal to it, making a splendid save.

APIA dominated, with John Bradley and Paul Carter showing great form. Peter Tridnick and Robert De Ceglie had purple patches, while Tony Morcello showed a lot of improvement.

In fact it was from a fine build-up involving De Ceglie that APIA scored its first goal. De Ceglie managed to put in a useful cross which was deflected into the net off Buggy Nyskohus, the Adelaide City captain.

Seconds after the start of the second half Jones scored with a good header, latching onto a cross from John Bradley. The hard working Bradley tried a shot at goal, then picked up the

rebound to send a cross to the far post and Jones was on hand to make sure.

Despite this goal Jones looked just a little sluggish, an obvious aftermath of his long lay-off, but I am sure that coach Bottalico will be quite happy to have him in the side with a "one goal per game average".

Rumors of Kosmina joining the APIA side are getting stronger, and with an Austrian striker yet to come, one would think APIA's problems up front will be solved.

At least the playing side of it will be solved.

As for the rest of it, one must feel empathy for APIA. The sad saga about the ground goes back to the times when APIA made an approach to the council to improve Lambert Park. "No," they said. "We'll get you a better deal at Leichhardt Oval, the home of Leichhardt Rugby League Club."

Refusal to improve Lambert Park was on the grounds of "lack of parking facilities". What a load of rubbish! Had council wished to help, it was only a matter of going in with APIA on a dollar for dollar basis and the story would have ended there and then, with APIA having one of the best soccer stadiums around.

However, the council decided to keep its money and offer the compromise solution of dual usage of Leichhardt Oval. But for one so clever in saving its funds the council failed to understand the hierarchy of the Rugby League world.

Leichhardt Rugby League

Club has gone from worse to worst in its attitude towards soccer. In the past the Oval would play the one week and be used the following week for three grades. Last week was an "idle week", and a perfect chance for the soccer team of the same municipality to use the ground, as the Lambert Park stands and our beloved Press Box "cubby house" had been burnt and were beyond repair.

In goes Nick Papallo with an application to the council for the use of Leichhardt Oval. But wait; the information about the soccer club's plight leaks to the League fraternity and we have an application by the Balmoral Rugby League Club for its juniors to use the Oval on Sunday.

APIA tries again. "How about Saturday?" "No," they said. Papallo with an amended application.

"No deal," says Rugby League, "you would damage the turf too much!"

Ron Orsatti, one of APIA's directors, is fuming and will not give in despite the setbacks. "They'll have to come to the party. It's either one or the other; they can't have it both ways."

Problems of availability of Lambert Park or Leichhardt Oval certainly added to the lack of support last Saturday. "We have lost some \$10,000 in revenue, due to the problems surrounding the ground issue," said an APIA official after the match.

Further losses for APIA are "freely predicted unless fast and efficient action is taken by the Council.



Ray Vlietstra (right) dominated in Wollongong's defence against Hellas but this time Charlie Egan outjumps him. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Tokesi inspires Hermiston's iron men

By FRANK PANGALLO

West Adel 0
Briab City 1

Scorer: Glockner (BC) 79
Crowd: 2300
Referee: M. Browning 8
Cautions: F. Liddell (BC).
BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Wilkinson 8, Liddell 7, Tokesi 9, Perry 7 — Pimblett 6, Williamson 8, Hamilton 9 — Cairney (Glockner 78) 7, B. Williamson 7, Bloomfield 7.
WEST ADELAIDE: HELAS: Sproul 7 — McGregor 8, McGachey 6, Dunn 6, Hiern 6 — Amey 6, Atsalas 6, Brennan (Blair 80) 6 — Heys 7, Wormley 5, Honeyman 6.
West Adelaide's unbeaten

run, fortuitous as it has been in one or two matches, was always under threat from the moment early in the first half when Graham Heys failed to tack away the easiest of chances.

From there on the Brisbane City defence, superbly marshalled by big Peter Tokesi, gave West nothing.

The former league leader looked a shadow of the team that performed so well the previous week against Wollongong and, indeed, in its last home match against St George.

Apart from game triers Ian McGregor and nippy winger

Graham Heys (mostly in the first half), West had no players who could match Brisbane City's constructive team play.

Brisbane City's build-ups were methodical but almost always penetrating, especially once its midfielders got on top.

Whereas Wests had too many individualists, Brisbane City put it altogether nicely and rarely wasted possession.

Yet, despite its dominance, Brisbane City had few opportunities in front of goal to press home its decided advantage.

Brisbane City mentor Jim

Hermiston, obviously aware of the fact his striker weren't doing the damage expected of a side having most of the play, made a move late in the game that was to prove an immediate success and provide the match-winning goal.

Hermiston swung Youth squad prospect Steve Glockner into attack in the seventy-ninth minute in place of the hapless Joe Cairney and the youngster rewarded his boss's faith with his third touch of the ball. The first was in winning a corner kick, the second in flicking the resultant job against the bar and the third in putting away the rebound.

West had a bit more urgency once it fell behind but its attacks were crappy and easily repelled by Tokesi and his tight-marking defenders.

Tokesi had a fine game. He thrashed Wests' main hope Paul Wormley and was able to turn uncompromising defence into attack.

There was a touch of class about midfielder Hamilton's game. Like his team-mates, his disposal was effective and intelligent. So much so that Wests' coach Alan Vest had to replace Mick Brennan, who spent his time on the park chasing white shirts.

In the finale, Brisbane City had run Wests ragged and showed no effects from its Friday night match against

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• The Makedonia side which won the 1980 State League title. Back row: Kiro Ristovski (first aid officer), John Branov (president), Gordon Flavell, Gary Ward, John Higham, Lou Kastner, Peter Ollerton, Stuart Cunningham, Brian Edgley (coach), Nick Boskov (team manager). Front: Rob Cullen, Steve Beech, Mike Rainey, George McMillan, Ljube Petrovski, Demiris, Jeff Faulkner, Claude Lucchesi.

A 10-year gap after 1947 meeting.

Early in 1947 a handful of Macedonians in Melbourne formed the Makedonian Soccer Club. Due to lack of players and financial support, in 1949 it folded up. During these two years the club made worthwhile achievements on the sporting field.

In March, 1957, Peter Daniels called a meeting of Macedonians at 52-54 Young Street, Fitzroy, then the Macedonian Club and now the Macedonian Orthodox Church premises.

The purpose of the meeting was to reform a Macedonian Soccer Club. More than 200 enthusiastic sporting-minded people attended the meeting.

After giving full report of the sporting establishment all the members supported the idea unanimously.

Several minutes later they came to the main point. How to name the club. Steve Shota (now deceased) proposed the name "Makedonia" as under this name all the Macedonians would be included irrespective of which part they come from. John Ianopoulou proposed the name "Alexander the Great", the



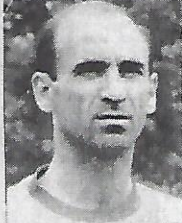
Peter Daniels — father of Makedonia

historical king of Macedonia.

After discussing both proposals a decision was made to give the club the name of "Makedonia" and Daniels was to be the president of the club. After this the Macedonian community donated to the club its first jumpers.

The club was playing friendly games in 1957 and 1958. In 1959 the club officially was registered with the V.A.S.F.A. in the provisional league. The first game it played was against Richmond and the result was 2-2.

In 1960 Daniels joined the disputes committee of the V.A.S.F.A. together Messrs. Thomas,



Former Makedonia star Slavko Dacevski, ex-Red Star, Vardar and Tetex.

Burns and others. The secretary in those days was Stewart Beaton.

Highlights

1960: Played in Second Division South, finished 3rd on the table.

1961: Premiers in Second Division South, gaining promotion to 1st division.

1962: Finished 10th on the table.

1963: Finished 7th on the table. Victorian Soccer Federation was formed. Makedonia played in the final of the Federation Cup with Coburg, losing 4-2 after leading 2-1 in the first half.

1964: Finished 2nd on the table with 37 points, scoring 68 goals against 20.

1965: Finished 2nd in Division One.

1966: Premiers in First Division, gaining promotion into the State League for the first time.

1967: Playing in State League, finished last on the table and dropped to First Division.

1968-69-70: Played in First Division.

1971: Demoted to Second Division.

1972: Second Division.

1973: Premiers of the Second Division.

1974: First Division.

1975: Premiers of First Division, gaining promotion to the State League.

1976: State League, finished 6th on the table.

1977: State League, 7th on table.

1978: State League, 2nd on table.

1979: State League, 3rd on table.

1980: Premiers of the State League.

1981: Makedonia joins the National League and finishes 12th.

1982: In National League finished equal 4th on goal difference.



John Little



Gordon Flavell

• Makedonia, 1983. Back row: D (from S.M. Hellas, 1982), Gary England, 1979), George McMillan zurri, 1978), George Todorovs Skopje, 1982), Peter Ollerton J.U.S.T., 1980), Richard Wilson 1981), Front: Zarko Odzakov (Vae, 1983), Alec Livingston (Albi Scotland, 1983), Ljube Petrovski gue, 1976), George Campbell (S 1983), Zoran Ilioski (Footscra 1983), Claude Lucchesi (Juve bourne, 1979).



Coach Ollerton — 20 go

Makedonia player-coach Peter Ollerton, 32 next month, has a wealth of experience as a player with Ringwood Wilhelmina, APIA, South Melbourne Hellas, Marconi and Footscray JUST and scored 20 goals in 55 games for Australia.

Ollerton joined English club Blackpool when he was 15, as a right winger, and scored close to 35 goals a year before joining Fleetwood in the Northern Premier League. After a season in which he chalked up 16 goals he was set to join Charlton Athletic until a dispute arose over the size of his transfer fee.

Ollerton decided to come to Australia, to Wilhelmina, and scored 14 goals in his first season here in 1973 when he was transferred to APIA Leichhardt for \$6500.

He notched up a hat-trick in his first game for APIA as the Italian sponsored club defeated Sydney Croatia 3-1. Oller-

ton finished with 15 goals that season, 13 goals in 1974 and 17 goals in 1975.

He joined South Melbourne in 1976, scoring 10 goals as Hellas marched to the Victorian State League title. The following year, in the newly formed NSL, Ollerton scored six goals. He had scored seven goals in the first 12 games of the 1978 season before being brought to Marconi by Rale Rasic for \$10,000.

A year later, 1979, Ollerton joined JUST then switched to Makedonia in 1980.

He became player-coach of the Macedonian-sponsored club in June, 1981, a position he has held ever since.



Makedonia's player-coach Peter Ollerton slides to World Cup qualifying match at

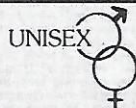
The 1975 Makedonia team that won promotion to State League, standing from left: Steve Trajkovski, Cole Presilski, Jim Blacker, Victor Ristoviches, Jim Green, Albert Harrison, Jim McCracken, Bill McIntyre, Victor Donis. Front: Tommy Fox, Vlado Kotevski, Geoff Grannon, Stewart Gilmour, Arnold Peat.



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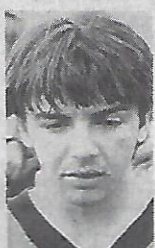
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Branov the man who made the club mighty

By
CRAIG MACKENZIE

John Branov may retire from soccer administration at the end of this season. If so, he'll end the most successful presidential term in the history of Preston Makedonia.

Branov was widely involved with the Macedonian Orthodox community long before his administrative expertise was called upon by Preston Makedonia in 1969.

"I've always been a keen sportsman. I wasn't a soccer person in my early years, preferring to play Australian Rules football, baseball, tennis and basketball. But when Preston Makedonia approached me I decided to offer my services in an advisory capacity," said Branov.

Branov joined a club with great ambitions, but hardly a semblance of administrative stability. Committees changed frequently, en masse, sometimes twice within the same year. The committee he was part of in 1970 was completely revamped the following year. Disillusionment and business pressure forced Branov to resign early in 1971.

That same year, Makedonia was demoted from Metro First Division to Second Division for failure to pay a \$300 debt to the VSF.

"We were demoted because of administrative bungling. I had left the club and the VSF was sending correspondence to the existing committee without response. It concerned outstanding fees owed to the federation. A group of us, all former committeemen, got together and within 48 hours the debt had been paid but it was too late to save the club from being demoted," said Branov.

"We held a general meeting and I stressed the need for stability within our administrative structure. From that day on until we won promotion to State League in 1975, Branko Trajanovski was club secretary and others remained on the committee for a similar period. I regard that as

• Preston Makedonia president John Branov, 43, is one of the most successful administrators in Australian soccer.

Branov runs his own legal firm, John V. Branov and Co. He was educated at Carlton Primary School, University High School in Melbourne, and the Australian National University in Canberra.

He first was co-opted onto the Makedonia committee in 1969, in an advisory capacity. He resigned in 1971 then returned at the end of 1975 to join the general committee. Before the 1976 season had started Branov had taken over as club secretary. He became vice president in 1978 and started his present reign as president in 1979.

His wife's name is Helen. The Branovs have been married for 15 years and have four children — Michael, 13, Richard, 10, Paula, 9, and Andrew, 4.



John Branov

perhaps my major achievement at the club."

Makedonia won the First Division championship in 1975, clinching a State League berth. The committee approached Branov and asked him to return. Branov agreed.

He then set about restructuring the club constitution. The committee became elected on a tri-annual basis, one-third of its members up for election annually. Branov also took the opportunity to make the club an incorporated body — to limit the members liability with regard to debts and to enhance the club's security with dealings with outside organisations.

Preston Makedonia Soccer Club is a company limited by guarantee. It is an association registered under section 24 of the old Companies Act, which allows non-profit making organisations to form themselves into a limited association. No profit for personal gain is the keynote here. All profit goes

to further the interests of the association as a whole.

Branov has been a key figure in Makedonia's dealings with the local Preston council. Their relationship can best be described as pre-marital.

"The Preston council believes in promoting recreational activities but in our case, the council sometimes finds it hard to distinguish between a senior club and an amateur club.

"We are a major club within the framework of Australian sport, yet we lease the ground on a year-to-year basis. We had trouble getting council approval for advertising signs around our ground even though we have assured the council that we will plough back that money into ground improvement.

"Not having a lengthy lease on the ground certainly is a major drawback. We want to build a grandstand and we could have access to the funds required, however, how can I approach a businessman and ask him to give us a large sum of money when we can't offer him the security of a lengthy use of our facilities?"

Makedonia also is battling to get the council to erect directional signs to its Connor Reserve ground.

The council, however, has no objection to the use of the name "Makedonia", even though the ethnic name purge still is part of ASF and VSF policy.

"I don't believe in force. I don't believe in telling someone that he or she can't use this or that name. I've argued this point at every level of Australian soccer's administrative structure.

• Makedonia's 1966 team. Back row: Krashov, Soklev, McKee, Wilson, Buxton, Carmichael, Popomilov. Front row: Michael John, Marka, Glennie, Yarkovich.



"To me, a name, and in this case, a club name, is a thing of reputation. If you keep repeating it, provided that it has no derogative sense, then people get used to it and accept it. The majority of our current supporters plainly want the club to be called Preston Makedonia.

"It's meaningless to say that ethnic names can't be used. What's ethnic and what's not in this society anyway? Where do you think the name Mount Makedonia came from? Or Port Phillip Bay? The English Phillip or the Macedonian Phillip? Certainly not from any Australian Phillip.

"As far as I'm concerned, all the fuss about ethnic names simply has promoted ethnic names."

The proposed regionalisation of the NSL won't be welcomed with open arms by Branov. His club is one of the few in the NSL which is economically stable. Makedonia joined the NSL for the 1981 season and recorded a slight deficit as its turnover jumped from \$140,000 a year in State League, to \$250,000 in the NSL. However, Makedonia showed a slight surplus after last year's operations.

Makedonia also boasts magnificent social rooms, opposite its main ground in Reservoir. The rooms officially were opened in October, 1980. Two months later the club gained a full liquor licence. The following year, 1981, the club was approached by an agent on behalf of his client who wanted to buy the social rooms and turn them into private reception rooms. The agent offered Makedonia \$500,000 but the club refused.

"We're very sound financially and we would have few problems continuing in the national competition in its present format. "Skyrocketing costs, especially in the area of travel, and the inability to gain major sponsorship, have forced the NSL to consider changing its league structure. We must reduce costs. Regionalisation is one way of doing so.

"I'll be disappointed if we can't find a solution to our problems and continue in our present format. I hope that whatever happens next year, we won't lose the quality of competition we presently enjoy.

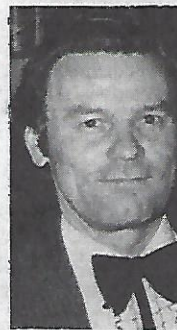
"The formation of a national league was a highly ambitious venture. You can't really blame people for the problems they've run into but if they had thought a bit harder and been able to better anticipate the drawbacks they may not have got involved in the venture in the first place. I don't know. I'm not really well versed with the teething problems because I wasn't involved.

"It's plain that there are no easy solutions now. We don't have access to unlimited sources of income."

If Branov decides that the Makedonia ship is on an even keel then he probably will resign at the end of the year. He believes, other than winning the NSL championship, that most of his ambitions for the club have been achieved. He isn't interested in becoming more involved at federation level as an administrator but, in his own words, "who knows?"

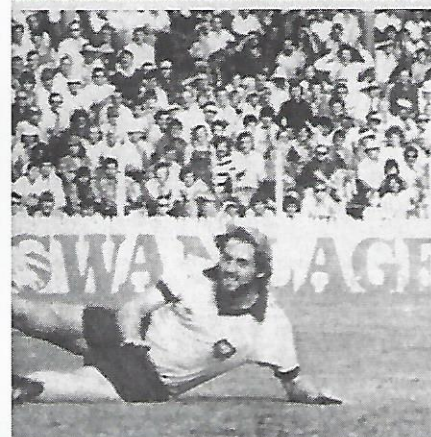
"I didn't have any ambitions back in November, 1975, of becoming a leading soccer administrator but here I am, after having worked a bit harder than most, president of Preston Makedonia soccer club.

"Titles though don't do anything for me. Irrespective of whatever title I've had, I've always been able to do my own thing and to achieve my ends."



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Polonia's top four hopes to plummet?

Juventus can continue its drive toward the top of the State League ladder and set back Polonia's top four ambitions when these sides clash at Olympic Park No. 2 on Sunday at 3 pm.

Juventus' display last weekend, albeit against understaffed Doveton, convinced me that this is the best outfit the black and whites have had for at least six years. Certainly, Juventus fans haven't been so thoroughly entertained for years.

Juve's success so far this season can be put down to a combination of factors — new coach John Margaritis backed by assistant Paddy Bannon, new signings Kevin Lloyd, Billy Rogers and Paul Drinocky, the emergence of Andrew Zinni, and the fierce competition for places in the starting line-up.

Graham French, Tony Heery, Jim Nelson and Alex Fantoma all sat on the bench against the Doves. All four could walk into first team berths at most other State League clubs, emphasising the new quality and depth in the squad this year.

Let's talk about young Zinni. With a fair share of the luck needed, by every player, to reach the top, this young forward can make an indelible mark on the annals of Australian soccer. He's lightning sharp, turns superbly, has tremendous acceleration and exceptional close ball skill. In short, he has the technical and physical requirements for success. He's got bags of confidence and is at his best running at opposing defenders.

Morwell Falcons might struggle to make the top four. It lacks the balance of last year and strikers Alun Evans, Noel Mitten and Bobby



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McGuinness don't exactly complement each other. On Sunday, it hosts league leader Croatia and although recent history points to a win for Falcons, I'm tipping John Gardiner's charges to maintain their impetus toward the championship.

Albion Rovers can win their first point of the season when they clash with Cedo Cirkovic's Fawkes at Selwyn Park on Saturday, provided that Frank Macleod can shackle talented Fawkes striker Ian Tuffield. Surely Albion can't keep missing the chances its been creating regularly.

With John Dowie and possibly Scottish import Graham Watson in its line-up, Doveton can confound its critics and grab at least a point from Sunshine-George Cross at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Croydon should maintain its winning form at the expense of the young South Melbourne Hellas outfit, Green Gully Ajax faces a dangerous game against Box Hill at Wembley Park but should come up trumps while Northcote will go into Sunday's John Cain Reserve clash with Ringwood Wilhelmnia as favorite and should collect both points.

The Northerners expected to complete the signing of Polonia goalkeeper Larry Ostrowsky as we went to press. "Rocky" Tachiris, the goalkeeper in a tangle between Northcote and Sunshine-George Cross should have his case heard by the VSF Appeals Board next week. Tachiris wants to go back to Sunshine-George Cross and Northcote is prepared to let him go but there are some legal hassles concerning an alleged registration form which Tachiris supposedly signed with Northcote.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
Albion Rovers v Fawkes (draw) at Selwyn Park, 2.45 pm.

SUNDAY
Morwell Falcons v Croatia at North Crinigan Reserve, 3 pm.

Juventus v Polonia at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.
Sunshine-George Cross v Doveton (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Box Hill v Green Gully Ajax at Wembley Park, 3 pm.
Northcote v Ringwood Wilhelmnia at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

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Polonia.....	3	1	1	7	5	7
Croydon.....	3	0	2	7	5	6
Box Hill.....	2	1	2	5	6	5
Northcote.....	2	1	2	7	10	5
Fawkes.....	1	2	2	7	8	4
Sun-G. Cross.....	1	1	3	11	3	3
Wilhelmnia.....	1	1	3	5	10	3
Doveton.....	0	2	3	5	9	2
S.M. Hellas.....	0	1	4	6	13	1
Albion Rovers.....	0	1	4	0	9	1

Lewis, Quigley off, Sahinidis blows penalty

GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Smallman penalty 6th) NORTHCOTE 0 at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 9 — Peter Lewis 6 (sent off 80th), Short 8, D. Beranic 7, Hogben 7 — Greenan 5, Vassallo 6, Smallman 6, Williams 5 — Toal 7, Paul Lewis 7. Coach: Len McKendry.

NORTHCOTE: Glenopoulos 7 — Wilson 8, Moore 7, Creany 6, Mihos 6 — Wright 7, Quigley 7 (sent off 80th), Culina 6 — Sahinidis 7, Tsetsos 7, Constantinos 6. Coach: Tony Vrzina.

Peter Lewis and Colin Quigley sent off, a Jim Sahinidis penalty saved by Lou Denys and enormous second half pressure from Northcote which struck the Ajax crossbar three times.

They were the stories to emerge from what threatened to be the upset of the 1983 State League as Northcote went within an ace of tipping over Ajax's bandwagon only to go down 1-0 at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Ajax was without Stuart Cannell, on his honeymoon, Peter Boyle, who has a broken toe, and injured Ron Kremers. Dane Beranic partnered Steve Short at the heart of Ajax's defence.

Northcote still was without injured sweeper George Bozits. Coach Tony Vrzina switched midfielder Steve Moore to sweeper, brought Branko Culina back into midfield and used Spiro Tsetsos, who recently resolved his differences with the club, in Culina's usual attacking role.

But it was all Ajax for the opening 15 minutes and fears that Northcote would be completely over-run seemed well founded.

John Creany brought down Bobby Toal inside the Northcote half and David Smallman converted from the penalty



Flying Northcote winger Jim Sahinidis missed a crucial penalty attempt against Green Gully Ajax last Sunday. Ajax ran out a narrow 1-0 victor.

spot to make it 1-0 after just six minutes. Not long after Northcote goalkeeper John Giannopoulos had to make a brilliant reflex save to stop a Paul Lewis shot from six metres. However, despite playing with the wind at its back, Ajax only had a 1-0 advantage to show for its efforts at half time.

The Northerners had by far the better of the second half. Vrzina had to watch in dismay as the Ajax crossbar and goalkeeper Lou Denys joined to deny Northcote time and again.

Five minutes into the second half Culina shot against the bar. The ball was ineffectively cleared and fell to Mark Wilson. His shot also struck the bar, fell to Culina who beat one defender then was brought

down by Willie Vassallo. Sahinidis took the resultant penalty but didn't strike it cleanly and Denys saved well.

With 15 minutes left, Sahinidis beat two opponents down the right then sent over a great far post cross. Little Peter Constantinos flung himself in the air only to see his firm, diving header send the ball onto the crossbar yet again.

A few minutes later, Sahinidis pushed the ball across the face of goal. Culina's shot was cleared off the line by Ajax midfielder Jim Williams.

Peter Lewis received his marching orders in the 80th minute after flooring Constantinos and eight minutes later he was joined on the sideline by Northcote midfielder Colin Quigley who had got involved in an incident with Vassallo.

LETHAL LATIF!

BOX HILL 0 MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Latif 52nd, 78th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — I. Roodhouse 9, Brownlie 8, Gabrielson 8, K. Patterson 8 — Hughes 6, Mihos 6, Ramsay 8 — McKenna 7, Verechie 7, Taylor 6 (Assouline 76th). Coach: Bill Murray.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Curcio 7, Parton 8, Adams 6, Hannah 6 — Blaskic 7, Faulkner 7, Antolovic 7, Golevic 8 — Latif 5, Cumming 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

Box Hill felt the full force of the tremendous shooting power of Melbourne Croatia striker Ossie Latif at Wembley Park on Sunday and despite a plucky, aggressive performance from the home side, Croatia ran out a 2-0 victor.

The Hillmen never let Croatia get into full stride. John Gabrielson, 16, played in place of injured Don Lawler and along with his defensive partners, goalkeeper John McKinlay, full backs Ian Rouse and Kyle Patterson and central defender Don Brownlie, held the mighty Croatia attacking machine for long periods.

Box Hill could have made a dream start. Within the opening minutes a Keith Adams' back pass was intercepted by



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Fawkes v Croydon: 3 Rooney (C); 2 McCombe (C); 1 (C).

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Wilhelmnia v Albion: 3 Janssen (W); 2 Reilly (A); 1 Cork (W).

Polonia v Falcons: 3 Marshall (P); Petrov (P); 1 Whiteside (F).

Doveton v Juventus: 3 Lloyd (J); 2 G. Bannon (J); 1 Keogh (D).

South Melbourne Hellas v Sunshine-George Cross: 3 Kalifatidis (SMH); 2 Richardson (SGC); 1 Campelj (SGC).

Roodhouse (BH); 2 Latif (C); 1 Ramos (BH).

Progressive votes: 8 — Tuffield (Fawkes), Kalifatidis (SMH), 7 — Moore (Northcote), 6 — Denys (Ajax), Petrov (Polonia).

5 — Antolovic (Croatia), Rooney (Croydon), Zinni, Hird (Juventus), MacLean (Falcons), Milla (Polonia), Richardson (SGC).

Leading scorers: 5 — Latif, Cumming (Croatia), 4 — Wade (Croydon), McGuinness (Falcons), Gilder (SGC), Stewart (Wilhelmnia).

Bye, bye Billy

POLONIA 2 (Przybyla 30th, McCluskey 60th) MORWELL FALCONS 0 at Raleigh Reserve, Sunday.

POLONIA: Dzielakowski 6 — Lipinski 6, Milla 6, McCluskey 6, Smolarek 7 — Labic 7, P. Czapiak 8, A. Czapiak 6, G. Petrov 8 — Marshall 8, Przybyla 30th, Klein 30th, Inl. Verste 32nd 7. Coach: Milla Lynn.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whiteside 8 (sent off 60th) — Smart 6, Irvine 6, Hogben 6, Train 7 — Young 5, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 5 — McGuinness 6, Mitten 6 (Halkett 60th), Evans 5. Coach: Tony Boggi.

Morwell Falcons goalkeeper Bill Whiteside was sent off for the first time in his career after being involved in a scuffle with a Polonia spectator who spat on him during the second half of Sunday's clash at Raleigh Reserve.

Whiteside had gone to retrieve the ball for a goalkick when the incident took place. Morwell coach Tony Boggi put

John O'Callaghan into goal for a minute or so then brought on reserve team goalkeeper Andrew Halkett in place of striker Noel Mitten as O'Callaghan resumed his usual mid-field duties.

At present, aren't the balanced combination we saw last year. They tend to over elaborate when going forward, a feature of their play best summed up by an intricate interpassing movement in the 17th minute. Alun Evans gained possession and played off to Noel Mitten whose back heel flick found Bobby McGuinness. Mitten just failed to make contact with McGuinness's return pass. It was a superb attacking move yet it took three deft touches to set up a chance for a strike at goal. Perhaps, Falcons need to be a bit more direct and play it a bit simpler.

Polonia first struck in the 30th minute, nine minutes after Whiteside had to pull off a fine save from a one-on-one situation against Peter Czapiak.

Polonia's goal came after a race for the ball between Jim Train and Brendan Lalic down the right. Train knocked the ball away but it was deflected to Falcons' captain John Higham. In attempting to control the ball, Higham inadvertently knocked it into the path of Janusz Przybyla who slipped the ball under the body of the advancing Whiteside to make it 1-0.

An Evans cross in the 35th minute set up Falcons' best chance of the match. Mitten headed on at the near post to Eric Young at the back post but the former Manchester United player shot straight at Polonia goalkeeper Leszek Dzielakowski.

Polonia wrapped up this match in the 60th minute. John Vattie, who had come on in the first half for injured Stan Klein, himself a replacement for injured Przybyla, sent a free kick across and Danny McCluskey, unchallenged, headed firmly in to make it 2-0.

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KARABATSOS AT ALBION

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Tront penalty 70th, Stewart 85th) ALBION ROVERS 0 at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Jensen 9, G. Haupt 6 (Inf. Caddie 7th), Pena 7, De Cort 7, Varniers 8, Brooks 8, Tront 7, Burton 7, Whyte 7, Cook 8, Stewart 7, Coach: Mike de Broyd.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 7, Karabatsos 7, F. Macleod 7, Henderson 7, Stuart 7, Coyle 8, Bailey 8, Douglas 7, Smart 7, D'Sylva 7, Williams 8, Coach: Hugh Murray.

Albion featured new signing from East Brunswick, Marko Karabatsos, and revamped its line-up by dropping Peter Dickson and Bennie Ferrie but went down 2-0 to Wilhelmina in a match vital to the survival prospects of both sides.

Dickson and Ferrie were selected in the reserve team Ferrie played. Dickson didn't turn up.

MAESTRO ROONEY

FAWKNER 0 CROYDON 2 (Wade 24th, P. Loughane 66th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Panas 6, Sabadini 6, Tuffield 7, Fattore 6, Schiano 6, B. Sabadini 6, Palmieri 6, Bazzani 4 (Sensaldi 8th), Palinkas 5, Cozzella 6, Anselmo 6 (C. Sabadini, HT, 6), Coach: Carlo Cirkovic.

CROYDON: Kastner 7, Ray 6, Dobson 6, McCombe 7, Hobson 7, Brown 6 (Sweeney 8th), Houghton 7, Wade 24, P. Loughane 66, Irvine 6, Nolan 7, Coach: Bill McArthur.

Those who had seen Fawknier in its three previous games could have been excused for thinking that on Sunday it was fielding only a reserve team.

Gone was the fight and the great team effort that had made Cirkovic's boys a formidable combination. On top of this, Croydon is a team slowly but surely achieving its great potential and certainly the best specialist of "short-ground-soccer".

With Jim Rooney in great form, the visiting team took charge of the midfield from where it went straight for Bill

Panas without frills nor "pretty passes", while on the flank full back Gary Hobson kept Fawknier's defence wide with consistent overlapping.

Fawknier's midfield general Carlo Sabadini spent the first half on the bench and slotted in at sweeper in the second half to release Ian Tuffield for the forward line in a desperate effort to even up the score.

During the week Sabadini had been reprieved by the Appeals Tribunal, having a four-week suspension reduced to two.

Andy Bazzani on the day was a shadow of the great player he is, giving Palinkas no support and Bruno Cozzella was a lone figure up front, waiting in vain for supply of balls. Croydon was steady in defence where McCombe and Hobson were outstanding leaving little to be feared for Dobson and Kastner, dominating in midfield and decisive up front.

In the 17th minute, against the run of play, Fawknier nearly took the lead when



Peter Dickson

Wilhelmina broke the deadlock in the 70th minute. The ball was worked down the left then brought inside the Albion area by David Cork who was tackled from behind by Coyle and Joe Tront converted the resultant penalty.

Wilhelmina sealed Albion's fate in the 85th minute. Tront's attempted cross struck Karabatsos and landed at the feet of Kenny Stewart, on the edge of the six yard box. The little Wilhelmina winger neatly stroked the ball past Tom Costello to make it 2-0.

STEWART SEA GULLS

Despite interest shown by Footscray JUST, Doveton and Northcote, former Frankston City sweeper Rob Stewart is set to sign for Metro Third Division club Mornington this week.

"The Seagulls" parted company with coach Dave Cooper two weeks ago and hired former George Cross great Tommy Robertson as coach. Cooper has joined Waverley City as a player.

Stewart will be Mornington's seventh new signing this year. Jimmy Smart, Mike O'Hara and John Cameron have joined from Rosebud while Colin Mitchell, ex-Slavia and Frankston Pines, Dave Poye and Paul Hyne have joined from Frankston City.

Robertson so far has a perfect record with Mornington, which won its second successive game under his leadership when it defeated Sandringham City 2-1 last Saturday. Steve Walker's goal gave Sandringham a 1-0 half time lead which was erased by a controversial penalty in the 66th minute and the winning goal in the third minute of added time.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION FOUR
HAWTHORN CITIZENS
5 (H. Filippis 2, A. Filippis, Lazopoulos, Filippou) GEELONG 1 (Tuck)

BULLEEN: Poropat 6, Boin 6, Meneguzzi 6 (Borin H.T. 6), Cesari 6, Zecchin 7, Graser 8, Sutherland 6, Bisetto 7, Salvatore 6, Boorotto 9, Gennal 6.

HAWTHORN: Panagiotopoulos, Foley, Apidopoulos, Haravitis, Mihalos, T. Gatzolis, H. Filippis, Filippou, A. Filippis, Lazopoulos, Kokkias, Subis, Dimitriou, Koukounas. BEST: Hawthorn: Mihalos, H. Filippis, Filippou, Geelong: Tuck.

This stunning victory to Hawthorn was brought about by the solid defensive work of Alex Mihalos, the midfield brilliance of Harry Filippis and captain Tony Gatzolis and the superb striking power of winger Angelo Filippou and central striker Bill Lazopoulos.

Geelong tried to use the off-side trap but was beaten on a number of occasions and its only consolation came half way through the second half when Dennis Tuck beat goalkeeper Panagiotopoulos after a good build up.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE
CLAYTON 1 BULLEEN 4 (Boarotto 9th, 30th, 60th, Salvatore 30th)

Bulleen-Veneto continued its fine run by beating Clayton 4-1 at the weekend.

The match highlight was the return to top form of powerful centre-forward Lawrence Boarotto, who scored an inspired hat-trick.

In the 7th minute Bisetto, with a surging run down the left, crossed low and Boarotto, with a diving header, scored spectacularly.

In the 20th minute Clayton hit back but 10 minutes later Bisetto, who seems to know where Boarotto is always lurking, gave a good through ball and Boarotto scored convincingly to make it 2-1.

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Saturday: SANDRINGHAM v Port Melbourne; ST MEOURINE MORRILLIAN v Frankston City; Sandringham v Brighton (Aval); CAULFIELD CITY v Heidelberg Sandringham; Coburg v YALLANDIN; SOUTH DANDENONG v Eltham.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: SHEPPARTON CITY v Monash City; Langwarrup v EAST BRUNSWICK; HENDON v Loder (Inf. YARRAVILLE v Chelsea; BALLARAT v Melton; BULLEEN v CROFT HIR; Carlton v CLAYTON.

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Saturday: MALVERN CITY v Morfildale-Clarendon; Regent v West Brunswick (Aval); ST DANDENONG v KILMORE; STN YARRAVILLE v BARKING; CENTRAL CITY v Cranbourne; HOLLAND PARK v Boroona; ABBOTSFORD TASSA v Nunawading Unit.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: FANTINE Gully v MOORABBIN CITY; Moorabbin v COBOLD; Rossmore v HAWTHORN; RUSSELL v GEELONG; NTH GEELONG v Hawthorn; Esmondon Triestina v Kargill Unit (Aval).

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MELTON 0 HAWKSBURN 3 (Joe Biro 26th and 69th from penalty kicks, Steve Derek 80th)

A free-kick by Salvatore in the 39th minute mark saw the ball clipped beautifully over the goal for Bulleen's third goal.

Bulleen consolidated its superiority in the second half. In the 60th minute Boarotto scored his third and the game's best goal. A free-kick, about 35 metres out, from goal saw the ball crisply and powerfully struck by Boarotto into the top left corner of the goal.

MELTON 0 HAWKSBURN 3 (Joe Biro 26th and 69th from penalty kicks, Steve Derek 80th)

A well deserved victory for undisputed leader of the First Division. Bad conditions (gusty wind and rain) prevented both sides playing good and clean soccer. The referee was forced to use yellow card on seven occasions (three times against Hawksburn players and four times on Melton players).

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: West Melbourne v PASADIE VALE; Mitcham v DALLAS CITY; SPRINGVALE v Ascot Unit; BURNLEY v Hampton; WEST GEELONG v Dandenong; BRUNSWICK CITY v Mel Unit; In of Melbourne v Clevedon Koroang (Aval).

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: PARKROSE v Nth Sunshine; PORT v Moorland; RANGERS; SEAFORD v Moorland; LYNDALE v Ascot Unit; East Central; Ranges Unit v Moorabbin (Aval); DIAMOND VALLEY v Moorland; Dingley v GEELONG Unit.

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Saturday: St Bernards v PMIT; WAVELEY v Philby Unit; ASCOT VALE City v Southern Cross; West Unit v St. Pauls (Aval); BARKING v Koroang; NTH GEELONG v Hawthorn; Esmondon Triestina v Kargill Unit (Aval).

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MELTON: Rantolo, Wilson, Hill, Robinson, Seaman, Teag, Valle, Gert, Marchetti, Bannigan (Gambini), Larkin.

HAWKSBURN: Mistic, Spelman, Benadec, Kanton, Kazi, Biro, Balbo, Derek, Pado, Bannigan, Seacole.
Best players: R. Valle, C. Gert and S. Hill for Melton; Joe Biro, Stjepan Kanton and Tibor Mistic for Hawksburn.

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Georgie fans furious

S.M. HELLAS 1 (Bekiaris 51st) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 3 (Gilder 81st, 84th, Pate 80th) at Middle Park, Saturday

S.M. HELLAS: Perrea 5, Anastasi 5, Kakantonis 4, Katerfeldis 4, Kaler 6 (Katsantonis 54th), Bazonis 6 (Vardanis 84th), Abnam 4, Bazonis 7, Van Epmond 5, Bekiaris 7, Kalambois 4, Coach: Jim Armstrong.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Conini 5, Barnett 5, Taylor 5, Richardson 7, Scerri 6, McCann 4 (Katsaki 85th), Bain 5, Stevenson 4, Gilder 6, Campbell 7, Pate 6, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

The new combine finally cracked it for a win at Middle Park, but it has South's ineptitude, more than its own ability to thank for the points.

After an initial flurry of about five minutes, during which John Campbell was unlucky with a shot that whistled over the bar, Sunny-Cross settled into a game that lasted for a full hour, during which the players misplaced every pass and mis-kicked every ball that came their way.

The defenders seemed obsessed with a preference to kick the ball into touch rather than trust Alan Contini with it, the midfielders seemed unable to deliver the ball to the front

runners, and if they did, Norrie Pate and Carl Gilder promptly lost it.

During all this time, South's youngsters continued to play their pretty stuff, pretty ineffectual, that is until, in the 51st minute, Chris Bekiaris, newly acquired from Heidelberg, who had a good debut, scored a neat goal.

South's policy seems to be to give everything on the books a game, and to hell with the results, so that every time you see the team, it has been reshuffled out of all recognition, and only Steve Kakantonis, Chris Kalafatis and Mark Perrea turn up in the same shirts.

It was this unfamiliarity and lack of experience that led to South's defeat, more than a sudden resurgence by the combine.

At the 60 minute mark, a free-kick by Steve Richardson found Norrie Pate all alone in the penalty box, and Pate could have autographed the ball before nodding it gently past Perrea, so much time did he have.

Then John Stevenson loomed up on the right at a gentle canter, topped his cross, which ricocheted off a leg and found Carl Gilder, who gleefully hammered it past Perrea, and then Steve Kakantonis was elected to dribble out of the box, and instead presented the ball to Gilder, who must have thought it was his birthday as he slammed home the third.

The vociferous Georgie fans accosted me at half-time, with the game at its zenith, and asked... no, demanded that I write "something in the paper about the referees". And I'm very happy to oblige.

Saturday's referee Peter Spiers made a couple of mistakes that didn't affect the course of the game. He didn't make anywhere near the number of mistakes the players made, and its nothing short of a miracle that he managed to go on officiating under the torrent of obscene abuse that was hurled at him, not to

mention having to run the gauntlet of spit as he went up the race.

The Referees' Secretary tells me that his Association is losing referees as fast as it recruits them, and is it any wonder? The only surprise to me is that the refs don't cry off sick when they look at the appointments sheet and find they are due to referee a game before these so-called fans.

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Watson on the way

DOVETON 0 JUVENTUS 2 (G. Bannan 28th, Lloyd 90th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Keogh 8, Thurlow 7, Corke 6, Merrick 6, Miller 6, McIvor 6, Buchanan 6, Waterhouse 5 (Bralbin 65th), Sartori 6, Watt 7, M. Leamon 6, Coach: Ernie Merrick.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7, P. Bannan 7, Orinocich 7, Hird 8, G. Bannan 8, Rogers 7, Swinsoe 6, Zinni 7 (Inf. French 85th), Lloyd 8, Incantulpo 6, Coach: John Margerita.

Doveton expects Scottish import Graham Watson, ex-Glasgow Rangers, to arrive this week and is hoping that classy midfielder John Dowie can recover from flu in time for Sunday's Chaplin Reserve clash with Sunshine-George Cross.

Dowie was sadly missed as Juventus steamrolled the Doves for the first at Waratah Reserve last weekend, continued to look the better side in the second stanza despite a more committed Doveton effort, yet only had two goals on the board at the end of a thoroughly entertaining clash.

Juve's pressure and goal scoring opportunities in the first 25 minutes had to be seen to be believed. Juventus threw everything at Doveton from the outset. Only a massive amount of blocked shots and the heroics of Doveton goalkeeper Sean Keogh kept the black and whites at bay.

Fabio Incantulpo got in the way of a Ged Bannan shot in the 8th minute then Keogh misjudged Andrew Zinni's cross from the left five minutes later. Ged Bannan again was on hand but again his shot was blocked. The ball was scrambled to the right side of the Doveton area where Keogh smothered a shot. The ball lobbed back into the goalmouth and his time Kevin Lloyd looked set to score but the post saved Doveton and Keogh pounced on the rebound.

Juve's threatened goal onslaught never developed. Keogh's boot foiled Zinni. Billy



Juventus sweeper and assistant coach Paddy Bannan.

Rogers' 25 metre volley sailed just over, and Lloyd had a shot blocked. Ged Bannan finally broke through, in the 28th minute. Zinni tried to get inside a defender who got as foot in the way. The ball rebounded to Ged Bannan, clear on the right of the area and his hard, low shot eluded Keogh and thudded into the net, just inside the far post.

Doveton got over the half way line a lot more in the second stanza but found difficulty in breaking down the discipline and pose of Juve's defence. Little Stan Webster twice got through but was ruled offside while goalkeeper Gary Clayton only looked partly threatened from corner kicks but he did his job well,

punching clear under pressure.

Ian Stirton was bitterly disappointed. He spent most of his energy on senseless verbal exchanges with referee Jim Pearn. He should have watched the on-field attitude of his attacking partner Webster and he may have learned something. The little man never stopped trying. He gave as much as he got, paid little attention to refereeing decisions and simply got on with his game.

Stirton's talents are being wasted. It has nothing to do with the team mates around him. Realistic self appraisal would do him, and the struggling Doves, a world of good.

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Juventus, Sutherland and in the running

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Sutherland and Blacktown are in the middle of strong soccer areas and both have good facilities, but again neither has adequate crowd support, while Canterbury is having difficulties and although it represents the strong Greek community, not enough supporters are following the club.

So, despite their shortcomings, I'd have to go for either Sutherland or Blacktown — take your pick. We all remember that neither Moorookbar nor Western Suburbs were able to generate district support but maybe, just

maybe, Sutherland or Blacktown would be able to succeed where others have failed. The alternative would be to include another Canberra side — Inter Monaro perhaps, or a club from say, Lismore or Goulburn.

The southern region would include the four present Melbourne-based NSL sides — South Melbourne Hellas, Preston Macedonia, Heidelberg and Footscray J.U.S.T., plus Adelaide City and West Adelaide, and probably Canberra, leaving five to be added to make up the total of 12.

If we're looking to increase Adelaide's representation, then probably the nod would

have to go to Azzurri, which has been the most successful SA State League side in recent times.

Tasmania probably could enter some sort of representative team, made up of the best players from across the State, and playing also in their present State League teams — perhaps on Saturdays or mid-week.

But that would be subject to a deep and thorough investigation into Tasmania's NSL potential.

Let's say that we then would need three more Melbourne clubs.

The strongest, in regards to spectators, would be Croatia, and the Italian-backed Falkner, which has been shooting up through the ranks and which has excellent facilities and a good team featuring Joe Palinkas (ex-Brisbane City, St. George, J.U.S.T.), Andy Bozika (Heidelberg), Bruno Corzella (J.U.S.T.), the well-established Sabidussi brothers.

ers, Tony Schipano, Serge Sabadini and Ian Tuffield.

No need to talk about the talent at Croatia. Men like Tommy Cunningham, Dave Brown, Ozzie Lattin, Paul Pickett and Keith Adams and Josip Biskic have been getting tremendous write-ups in the Press.

We need one more club, and although Ajax would appear to be the logical choice because of its spectacular successes over the past two years, Ajax unfortunately does not command big support. Juventus has been doing a lot better lately, and I'm well-acquainted with their coach John Margaritis, and with players Vince Bannan, Pat Bannan and Billy Rogers, but Juventus doesn't have its own ground, and its support, although potential enormous, should be higher than it is at the moment.

Morwell Falcons, from which I hear of them, have an excellent set-up in Gippsland, while Polonia has good potential support from among the Polish community. I've also heard a lot

about their star players, Stefan Mila, Alex Marshall and Janusz Przybylo who's supposed to be one hell of a striker.

So, without knowing enough about which of them would be preferable for the NSL, take your pick from among Ajax, Juventus, Morwell Falcons and Polonia.

That all this means is that there will be a lot more local derbies, a lot more money coming through the gate and a lot less travel expenses. What's more, interest in the end-of-year national play-offs would be tremendous.

While the NSL is reacting to hard times by planning re-negotiation, Riverwolves in Sydney and Frankston in Melbourne have come to the end of the road.

My deepest sympathy to both of them.

Woodward, formerly Arncliffe Scots, had big plans a couple of years ago when it secured rich sponsorship, hired Attie Abonyi as coach,

and bought many star players. It built a really good team, but unfortunately, it could not get the required support. Last week, among scandal and financial instability, Riverwolves called it quits.

Most clubs are going through a financial crisis at the moment. Costs are going up in all areas; coaches, staff and referees have to be paid, players want more money, gear has to be bought, but the fans aren't there to provide the finance.

It's about time that the Australian Soccer Federation took firm steps to remedy the situation.

In my view, only NSL and State League players should be paid. All other divisions in Australia should be purely amateur, thus taking pressure off those clubs and enabling them to go ahead and provide playing facilities to local kids who are in it for the love of the game.

If they prove to be good enough, the financial rewards will come later, if they are

signed by a State League or NSL club.

And a transfer system would also have to be worked out in that case. For a player stepping up from amateur soccer to State League, the transfer fee should be set at \$2000. An amateur going to NSL should have a flat \$8000 on his head. The amateur club can use the money for day-to-day expenses like gear, balls, ground rental, etc.

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Congratulations to Bruce James, who moved from Blacktown to Marconi last week. James, a member of the national squad, is an excellent goalkeeper, and I'm sure he'll star with Marconi.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Best wishes also to my Olympic team-mate Tony Dakos who is in excellent form and who has been doing well in trials with the national youth squad. He has the talent to win a regular spot in the team that will contest the World Youth Championships in Mexico in June.

McIntyre seeks move

Bill McIntyre, one of the most experienced players in the Victorian Metropolitan League, wants to join a new club — perhaps as player-coach.

McIntyre, currently with St. Albans, previously was a star forward with Croatia and Hellas and played as a midfielder for Macedonia and Albion Rovers. He can be contacted on 366 5371.

Hogg, Kelso, Niven in?

"I am thinking of adding one or two Queensland players to the squad, specifically for the Brisbane match, to swing the local fans behind the team. Maybe Steve Hogg, perhaps Barry Kelso or Alan Niven, I don't know yet," said Arok.

In Melbourne, I want as many Victorian-based players in the team as possible, for the same reason.

"But ideally, I'd like to build my team on 'blobs' of players from a few clubs, which clubs? Well, whichever happen to be in the best form then — Sydney City, South Melbourne, perhaps Olympic.

"But if we, at St. George, keep demolishing them one

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after the other, I may have no choice but to build the Soceroos on my own club," he adds with a touch of provocative humor. "And believe me, nobody knows our weaknesses more than I do."

Arok — together with the entire soccer public — is puzzled about press reports that former England manager Ron Greenwood is coming here to help 'us' against England.

"Nobody has even talked to me about this," he says. "So if Greenwood comes, I have no idea what he wants to do. I haven't been told, I haven't been asked to co-operate, officially. I don't even know if he is coming."

"Naturally, I'd love to spend as much time as possible with him. Greenwood is one of the all-time greats in this business, at the highest possible level."

"Years ago I spent some

time in Liverpool studying the methods of Bill Shankly. It would be tremendous to have an exchange as an assistant; I doubt if he would like that either."

Arok — himself an absolute master of promotion and publicity — writes down the Greenwood visit to a clever ASF gimmick.

"Mind you," he says, "if they really wanted to pretend that some big-name coach from Britain is coming here to help us destroy England, they should have invited the Scotland manager. The public could believe that."

"If it was a great personality that they wanted, they should have asked Keegan, not a coach."

"But this is not my problem. I am genuinely an admirer of Greenwood, a great soccer brain and a great gentleman — perhaps too much of a gentleman to be a coach. This is a profession for bastards like me, not for nice people."

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Spurs to Villa — a pay cut or go!

Bernd Schuster is back

Trainer Jupp Derwall has named controversial midfielder Bernd Schuster in the 22-man squad for West Germany's European Soccer Championship tie against Turkey and Austria later this month despite protests in the team.

Several players, including captain Karl-Helinz Rummenigge, had demanded Schuster be dropped after his last-minute withdrawal from the team that beat Albania 2-1 in Tirana last month.

But Derwall decided to give a second chance to Schuster, who plays for FC Barcelona.

Schuster's last appearance for West Germany ended in disaster last northern autumn when the World Cup runner-up lost 1-0 away to Northern Ireland in its first European Championship qualifying tie.

Germany meets Turkey in Izmir on April 23 and Austria four days later in Vienna.

The squad: Harald Schumacher, Eike Immel, Bernd Frank, Hans-Peter Briegel, Wolfgang Dremmler, Stefan Engels, Ralf Falkenmayer, Bernd Forster, Karl-Helinz Forster, Lothar Matthäus, Hans Müller, Jonny Otten, Werner Renf, Bernd Schuster, Uli Steilike, Gerd Strack, Pierre Littbarski, Norbert Meier, Jürgen Millewski, Peter Reischert, Karl-Helinz Rummenigge, Rudi Völler.

Ricky Villa, the Argentinian who was one of the first imports allowed into British soccer five years ago, has been told by Spurs to accept a pay cut when his contract expires in July or exercise his option to leave on a free transfer. But Villa, who earns considerably more than \$2000 a week, will find that over 100 First Division players will be faced with the same ultimatum at the end of the season.

Confusion

Confusion reigns over the venue for the 1986 World Cup finals. Maybe FIFA has firm ideas on its destiny but soccer fans throughout the world would be surprised if they read that the original venue, Colombia, was back in the reckoning. Brazil and Mexico had been discounted due to the calamitous state of their economies and most people were led to believe that America's application, endorsed by President Reagan, would be the winner.

Now it's on the cards that Mexico, back in the reckoning due to the fact that the facilities it provided for the 1970 finals require only minimal upgrading, will get the nod when the final decision is made on May 20 — unless USA changes its approach.

It is known that FIFA is unhappy over the current arrangements being made by the US to host the 1994 World Cup tournament there next year and has virtually said if the Yanks can't organise properly with four match venues, what hope have



From JIM COOK our European correspondent

John Zendeorn to the Lancashire club, emphasises his position is only temporary.

they got of organising the World Cup finals with 12 venues?

Reports that Italy still could be chosen and that Ted Croker the F.A. secretary would like the 1986 finals to be staged in England are eyewash and rubbish. Neither Italy nor England would get any consideration on two main counts. First is that Article 39 of FIFA clearly states the World Cup cannot be staged twice in succession on the same continent and secondly the closing date for applications to stage the 1986 finals has elapsed.

China tour

Looking set for a spot in Europe next season, Elton John's Watford embarks on a 13-day tour of China at the end of May and its itinerary includes matches in Peking and Shanghai. The Watford party will be 60 strong and include 20 businessmen aiding Britain's export drive.

Charlton boss

Bobby Charlton has taken over as caretaker-manager of Third Division side Wigan Athletic, whom he is a director after Larry Lloyd, ex-Liverpool, Nottingham Forest and England defender, was sacked from his job as boss but is meantime still tied to the club as a player. Charlton, who had a spell as Preston North End manager a good few years ago and recruited

Liverpool to bid \$4 mil, Celtic boss appalled

Liverpool is tipped to win the signatures of Celtic superstars Charlie Nicholas and Paul McStay for a total of \$4 million.

Celtic manager Billy McNeill, reacting to reports that Liverpool will move to sign the two stars, said: "I am appalled

at the ethics of Liverpool. I always thought their standards were higher." Tottenham, Hotspur also has made an offer for Nicholas — Europe's leading goalscorer — but it's likely he will resume his new Scotland partnership with Kenny Dalglish at Anfield. — JIM COOK

Best, Greaves and Law rolled into one

It is quite some time since any player made a more sensational international debut than Charlie Nicholas, who has been dubbed "Best, Greaves, Law and Dalglish all rolled into one."

When the young striker scored a remarkable, match-saving goal for Scotland against Switzerland recently he inspired the loudest roar heard at the famous old Hampden Park stadium in many years.

He provided further proof in that game that he is a Brazilian with a Glaswegian accent, when he made his long-awaited international debut in last month's European championship clash with Switzerland at Hampden Park, Glasgow.



Charlie Nicholas

Switzerland was leading 2-1 when Nicholas, crowded by two defenders, collected a bounding pass on his left instep, flicked the ball into the air and, in one breathtaking move, smashed an unsaveable right-foot volley high into the net from 22 metres.

Few players outside Brazil or Italy could have managed that. Even fewer could have admitted — as Nicholas did later — that he had actually been considering two options when he received the ball.

One of the defenders in front of him had moved to challenge, Nicholas explained, he was going to flick the ball over his head, go round him and then shoot.

Nicholas' impact did not surprise Celtic fans. They had long been eagerly anticipating the moment that their "Cheerful Charlie" would don the dark blue of Scotland.

Ironically, it is current national team manager Jack Stein who introduced Nicholas to full-time football, signing him from the unattached Celtic Boys' Club in March, 1979.

Fifteen months later he was representing "The Boys'" senior selection and immediately started to find the net with uncanny regularity, scoring 28 goals from 35 games in the 1980-81 season, in which he earned a championship medal and the "Young Player of the Year" award.

The skinny wee lad who had been attending St. Columba's of Iona Roman Catholic School just two years earlier seemed set for instant superstardom, but he was to discover that soccer is not all glory.

His minor illness kept him out of the Celtic team during the early matches of the following season and upon recovering found that replacement George McCluskey was playing too well to be discarded.

Nicholas had to be content with a long session on the substitutes' bench, relieved only by the occasional run in the reserves.

It was during a game with the "stiffs" that the 1981-82 campaign, then merely an anti-climax, became a nightmare. Playing against Morton's second eleven on a semi-hard pitch, Nicholas suffered a broken leg in a badly timed tackle.

His right leg remained in plaster for two months but thankfully he had sufficient character, discipline and patience to work hard on securing recovery, although it wasn't until this season that a first team place was reclaimed.

The "second coming" of Nicholas has been even more startling than the first, his goal scoring being so prolific that he is well on course for the magic figure of 50 in the campaign.

With explosive pace over 10 yards, excellent ball control and a shot which has gained him the nickname "Cannonball Kid", Nicholas is a natural striker.

A cheerful, cheeky disposition, plus the love for entertaining the fans, has made him a huge favorite on Celtic's terraces.

Off the paddock, his love for rock music and modern fashions — he admits to having spent a not-so-small fortune on clothes, has not lost him a homely, stable image. Nicholas still lives with his parents.

Like George Best, Nicholas enjoys discotheques, nightclubs and bars although he admits: "I've got to be more cautious now I'm in the public eye but I still have laughs visiting pubs."

"People say I must be drunk but it's just my nature to be cheerful... after all, I can only play football when I'm happy."

With Kenny Dalglish frustratingly incapable of consistently producing clubs form for country, Scotland has not had a genuine world class forward to boast about since Dennis Law was in his prime.

Perhaps Nicholas, only 21 last December, will get those roars regularly rebounding around Hampden again.

Bryant is Canberra's bright light

One player who bears no blame for Canberra City's recent poor form is Steve Bryant, who has been showing the ability suggested by his record in English soccer.

Bryant signed professional forms for Birmingham City in July, 1971, after serving as an apprentice with the club but had to wait more than three years before making his First Division debut against Coventry City.

Towards the end of the 1974-75 campaign, he appeared to have made the Birmingham No. 3 jersey his own and played a significant part in the club's run through to the semi final of that season's FA Cup.

Only an unlucky 1-4 defeat by Fulham robbed the young full back of an appearance at Wembley during his first term of top grade soccer.

Further disappointments followed for Bryant, as he lost his job with manager Willie Bell. Senior team opportunities became spasmodic and a transfer inevitable.

Sheffield Wednesday seemed to be his last destination but he actually played three games there on loan, but failed to secure a permanent contract.

One of Bryant's matches with "The Owls" was against Northampton Town, which was sufficiently impressed by his performance to sign him from Birmingham.

With City, he had made 36 league appearances, lining up alongside such notable personalities as Howard Kendall, Trevor Francis, Kenny Burns, Gary Sprake, Bob Hatton, Malcolm Page and Peter Withe.

Bryant, now converted to midfield, had little opportunity to be star-struck at Northampton though, particularly when the club was troubled in Division Four in 1977-78.

A total of 97 league games were played for "The Cobblers" before he moved to Portsmouth.

The Londoners' teammates while he was with Portsmouth included subsequent England international Steve Foster, plus Ian Purdie and John Latham, both of whom also extended their careers in the NSL.

Bryant was one of the Hampshire club's most consistent and hardy performers. When it gained promotion from Division Four in 1983-84, he missed only two matches.

In total 111 league appearances were made for the famous "Pompey" contributing much to the club's revival.

A gifted player who produces some neat touches, the 29-year-old could well become one of ACT soccer's favorite adopted sons.

— PAUL MOON

Ex-stars should stop whingeing

"No one should underestimate him because he is both a very good coach and also a very good manager but the two are not necessarily the same thing, although he happens to be very good at both."

The above words were used recently to describe Graham Taylor the manager of Watford.

They spring to my mind recently when I had a discussion with a well known former coach and player in Victoria.

It was a meaningful discussion between an ex-player with lots of experience in the game and me, in my capacity as a staff coach for the National Coaching Scheme.

The person concerned is not coaching at the moment, mainly because of business commitments, but I detected a tone of resentment in his words.

It genuinely grieved him that ex-players within Victoria are currently out of the game. He led me to believe that this was because they were unable to secure coaching positions at clubs, despite several attempts, because "they had no certificates."

He found it difficult to understand how clubs could hand over such an important post to coaches just because they have a coaching certificate.

I personally think that is an over simplification of the situations as most club coaches that I know, with certificates, have a lot more to offer than just a piece of paper. Nevertheless, the point is well made that a lot of experienced people in the game do drift away from it when in fact they could provide a valuable input.

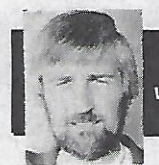
However, care must be taken not to blame the system, in this case the National Coaching Scheme, for someone's inability or reluctance to take advantage of that same system.

The realisation of what coaching is about is paramount in this debate. The belief that one has learned enough through a playing career to equip him for a coaching career is a myth.

A Good Mathematician is not necessarily a good maths teacher.

Charlie Hughes, who I have mentioned in previous columns, recently urged the following:

"In life generally what is paramount is what a man believes to be possible. Therefore coaches should



TIM WHITE Victorian coaching director

encourage players to believe certain things to be possible which are realistic rather than unrealistic. The most important thing to know is the potential of the individual and then set to work in a logical way to ensure that that person realises his or her potential. All the thinking in education is about helping people to realise their potential however humble that potential may be.

"Very few people do achieve it and therefore the challenge of coaching is to help players achieve their potential. Perhaps the greatest achievement in itself for the player of coach is in actually realising and reaching his own potential."

It is not the intention of coaching courses to teach candidates how the game must be played. Rather it is a reminder of what the principles of the game are in attack and defence and a suggestion of ways of teaching those principles.

Candidates with a practical background in the game are helped to teach the knowledge

they have gained in their careers. It is one thing to have secured the knowledge and another to be able to teach it.

There are various reasons why people do not attend coaching courses not the least of which is the time required to do so.

However, I honestly believe that there is a fear element existing among people in our game who find it hard to come and put themselves on show.

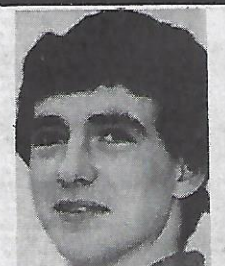
The coaching courses are practical ones which are done on the playing field and not in a classroom so each candidate has ample opportunity to coach his fellow candidates.

Of course, everybody will not agree with every thing that is said or done in the courses but I guarantee one thing — everybody who takes a coaching course will learn something.

I agree that it's a pity, maybe even wrong, that people with vast experience in the game are not involved. However, I don't agree that it is the fault of the National Coaching Scheme. Rather, I feel it could be some peoples reluctance to ever give the system a go.



Western Suburbs under-13's, formed this year, have won five out of six friendly matches and big things are coming. Back row: Nick Nikakis, Manos Vogiapis, Frank D'Agostini, George Andoniadis, Athan Zacharias, George Vaganiakas. Front row: Richard Sotzakis, Manos Kapsafitis, Chris Cristodoulou, Terry Iakovou, Theodore Hatzigiorgiou, John Kuhn. Missing: Andrew Smith and coach Con Hatzigiorgiou.



Paul McStay

Mc Magic Mc Stay

During their expedition to Mexico, the Australian Coca Cola Cup team will encounter many players of exceptional quality. It is doubtful if any will have a finer pedigree than Scotland captain Paul McStay, with whom they are scheduled to cross swords on June 5.

McStay, although only 18 last October, is well on course to become one of the finest players his country ever has produced.

Even as a 14 year old, he showed exceptional ability and became Billy McNeill's first signing on a schoolboys' form upon taking over the Celtic management in the summer of 1978.

The Hamilton Holy Cross High School student subsequently became a full time professional by courtesy of the British Government's Job Creation Scheme — taking the downright risky step of curtailing his education.

McStay though, was confident he had the right credentials to become a successful professional and certainly his background supported that viewpoint, for great uncle Willie McStay starred with Celtic and Scotland in the 1920s, while brother Willie also is on the Parkhead ground staff.

Fame had spread beyond his own locality during the 1980 England v Scotland schools international at Wembley. The televised thriller ended in a 5-4 win to the Scots, with McStay grabbing two fine goals.

He didn't have too long to wait before getting senior soccer opportunities, making his first team debut for Celtic against Queen of the South in a Scottish Cup tie and soon cemented a regular place.

A Scottish League championship winners' medal would have been a prestigious enough memento of his first full season in top class football, yet an even greater honor awaited him.

Captain of the Caledonians' under-18 team, McStay led it to the UEFA youth championship — a remarkable feat, not only being Scotland's first such success, but it was achieved without the services of six key players all left at home to contest the Scottish Cup final and sit university examinations.

Despite his tender age, the Celtic teenager is approaching half a century of international appearances — 18 at schoolboy level, 24 for the youth team and a handful of under-21 caps.

Already, he has been compared with Jim Baxter, Scotland's most illustrious post war linkman, being a superb distributor, capable of producing defence splitting passes, finishing efficiently and displaying touches of silky elegance.

Many English clubs have flashed their cheque books in front of Billy McNeill's eyes, but he has steadfastly refused to consider parting with his talented young midfielder, realising that McStay would be a cornerstone of Celtic's bid to regain European glory.

The young Soccerero midfielders will be able to make up their own minds about McStay after matching abilities with him in Toluca.

— PAUL MOON

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La quinta giornata del campionato di Lega Statale ha visto la conferma della Juventus che e' andata a cogliere tutta la posta sul difficile campo di Doveton, con un altro classico 2-0: l'insospettata battuta d'arresto di un indispettito Morwell sul campo del Polonia e il crollo dei giocatori del Fawkner di fronte ai "maestri dei campi corti" del Croydon.

Il Fawkner ha avuto la sfortuna di aver incontrato il "morto" del George Cross la settimana precedente e di avere così dimenticato troppo presto che se vuole ben figurare in questo campionato deve stringere i denti e gettare il cuore oltre l'ostacolo come aveva fatto contro Morwell e Juventus. Contro il Croydon e' apparsa squadra molto fragile e disorganizzata e, senza la grinta e la disperazione che l'aveva distinta fino ad ora, molto mediocre, oltre che molto ingenua come appunto lo e' una matricola del campionato maggiore.

A FAWKNER TUTTO DA RIFARE

Domenica il Fawkner ha perso la battaglia a centrocampo dove Boziskas non e' esistito affatto e Bruno Sabidussi se e' perso troppo in giochetti sulla zona laterale, con il giovane Palmariacioti promosso in campo, dalla rinuncia dei compagni, a regista della squadra. Il ragazzo ha ottimi numeri, ma certamente non ancora l'esperienza per tale ruolo e, come tutti i ragazzi della sua eta', cosparghe il suo gioco eccellente con gli inevitabili sbagli che costano le partite. Domenica ha regalato la palla del primo goal decisivo a Wadge che non si e' fatto pregare troppo a scattare in avanti e trafiggere Panas prima ancora che la difesa potesse richiudersi quando si stava aprendo poiché Palmariacioti era in possesso, da solo, a limite della sua area.

Il Fawkner fino ad allora non aveva fatto molto per vincere, ma, andato in svantaggio, ha dovuto fare qualcosa per cercare di non perdere e i suoi guai sono così aumentati. In avanti infatti c'era la desolazione più completa con Bruno Cozzella continuamente in attesa di servizi dal centrocampo, che stentavano ad arrivare, e alle prese con una difesa guidata dal vecchio volpino, McCombe, Palmariacioti di corda per la giornata molto negativa del suo "gemello" Boziskas e Anselma come un pesce fuor d'acqua con i suoi nuovi compagni di prima linea, mancandogli il "gemello" Tuffield impegnato in retrovia.

Con il senno di poi, si potrebbe dire che Cirkovic, solitamente molto accorto e grande osservatore delle difendenze in campo, abbia avuto domenica la sua Waterloo. Costretto a cambiare registro quando la squadra si e' venuta a trovare in svantaggio e, ovviamente, anche in giornata negativa, ha esitato troppo nell'apportare cambiamenti e non li ha poi completamente imbrogliati. Egli avrebbe dovuto tirar fuori Boziskas molto prima di quando l'ha fatto e rinforzare così il centrocampo con Carlo Sabidussi ancora nel primo tempo e, se la sua intenzione era di mettere Carlo a libero, per mandare Tuffield in avanti, avrebbe dovuto mantenere in campo Anselma che ha un'ottima intesa con quest'ultimo. E l'intesa era la cosa che mancava più ovviamente in attacco. Anche il giovane Sannipoli, in una partita tutt'altro che infuocata, avrebbe dovuto scendere in campo molto prima per dargli tempo di riscaldarsi a dovere e di avere alcune opportunità di piazzare il suo tiro risolutore che spesso ha fatto centro nel passato.

Invece a metà tempo Carlo Sabidussi prendeva il posto di Anselma e si schierava a libero, con Tuffield che avanzava ad una posizione di mezza punta con il compito troppo arduo di creare gioco e di segnare e, solo a dieci minuti dalla fine, Boziskas faceva finalmente posto per Sannipoli, quando ormai il passivo era salito a due reti. La soluzione di Cirkovic non ha funzionato, a questo si e' visto in campo, mentre le nostre sono solo supposizioni fatte con il senno di poi e che non hanno modo di non funzionare. Questo sia ben chiaro, poiché non intendiamo affatto erigerci a facili critici di un tecnico di tale esperienza e tale provata capacità come Cedo.

Il Croydon si e' dimostrato la squadra omogenea e solida che era lecito aspettarsi, con un Rooney sempre padrone del centrocampo grazie anche alla sua consumata esperienza che gli permette di farla in barba ad avversari che potrebbero essere suoi figli; ma anche in fatto di correre e di prestanza fisica il "nonnetto" non e' da meno a nessuno.

Il Fawkner quindi si trova al classico punto del "tutto da rifare", anche perché l'arrivo di Cozzella, il recupero di Anselma e dei fratelli Sabidussi (Carlo ha avuto la sua squallida ridotta da quattro a due settimane in sede d'appello) e quello con tanto lontano di Curcija e Terzini, ripropongono una rosa abbastanza ampia e varia da rendere difficile la selezione e il tipo di condotta di gioco da adottare.

Per conto nostro la novità di Tuffield a libero e ormai sfumata, anche se e' stata determinante all'inizio, a gli avversari si guarderanno bene dal giocare sulle alte che finiscono immancabilmente sulla testa del nostro "girasole", mantenendo il gioco più a terra, come ha fatto il Croydon, per neutralizzare il vantaggio fisico di Tuffield a libero. Ben farebbe perciò Cirkovic a rimandarli avanti, possibilmente in coppia con Anselma Palmikas e Boziskas, indubbiamente i due giocatori di maggior classe del Fawkner, dovrebbero beccarsi il più severo "cicchetto" possibile con la speranza che capiscano che il calcio in Lega Statale non e' una passeggiata.

A parte Gooney, il Fawkner

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ha ora giocatori da vendere e sicuramente Cirkovic saprà rinquadrare la sua squadra con questa nuova disponibilità di materiale umano. Ma, quello che e' più necessario, i ragazzi hanno bisogno di ritrovare quella enorme carica morale che ha sempre contraddistinto e senza la quale diventano una squadra mediocre.

FRUSTA PER I TROPPI GALLI NEL PALLAIO

Tutto un altro discorso per l'altra italiana perdente domenica scorsa. Il Morwell e' una squadra di grandi giocatori, troppo grandi da creare il caso di troppi galli nel palladio come abbiamo spesso detto. Tenere giocatori del genere disciplinati, motivati e impegnati e' una cosa molto difficile, specialmente con la mancanza del classico "OCCHIO DEL PADRONE" CHE INGRASSA IL CAVALLO. POICHE' L'ALLENATORE E' META' DEI GIOCATORI SI TROVANO A Melbourne e gli altri a Morwell. In tale situazione, e con la naturale tendenza di questo tipo di giocatori a rilassarsi e magari darsi alla bella vita che non si addice a degli atleti, i risultati come quelli di domenica scorsa potrebbero ripetersi molto spesso se Boggi non prende la frusta a due mani, con il comitato completamente dietro di lui.

Domenica il portiere White-side si e' preso la briga di saltare l'inferriata e andarsi a riprendere a suon di pugni la palla che uno spettatore non voleva restituirgli, beccandosi l'espulsione. Un comportamento addirittura scandaloso da parte di un gran portiere a "professionista" del pallone. Biggi ha dovuto così tirare fuori Mitten per far posto al portiere di riserva. In tali occasioni, di solito, la squadra rimasta in difesa diventa una squadra di leoni e vende cara la pelle; il Morwell invece e' diventato una squadra di "volche" (con poche eccezioni) ed ha visto vincere.

LE ELEGANTE "VECCHIA SIGNORA"

Per la Juventus stavano arrivando al punto di aver ben poco altro da dire. La squadra di Margaritis continua la sua marcia sicura e, tutto sommato, da spettacolo anche se non mette la messe di reti che il suo gioco dovrebbe garantire. Domenica scorsa ha letteralmente ubriacato il non trascurabile Doveton nella sua tana di periferia, specialmente nel primo

tempo, cogliendo un altro meritato 2-0 che e' però molto striminzito se si considera la netta superiorità dimostrata e la mole di gioco creata.

Ovvio che l'unico neo nella formazione bianconera e' la mancanza di uno stocatore di ruolo, ora che French sembra proprio non volere ingranare ed e' stato spedito in panchina da un allenatore che non si lascia ingannare dai grandi nomi e bada strettamente al rendimento, dopo aver dato, molto giustamente, tempo sufficiente per riprendersi a qualsiasi giocatore più di corda. A questo proposito bisogna dar menzogna a Margaritis per il recupero di Clayton a per la comprensione usata verso Incantalupo, quando, provato dalla lunga estate con la nazionale giovanile, il ragazzo non era nella sua condizione migliore. E' bene, Margaritis ci disse. Come sta giocando adesso Incantalupo meriterebbe il posto in squadra, ma non posso negarglielo perché rischerei di rovinare la carriera con grande danno per il ragazzo, per la Juventus e per la nazionale giovanile. Tanto il cappello, signor Margaritis, e tanto di cappello a Fabio che ovviamente e' il miglior giocatore in questo ed ha capito la speciale considerazione datagli dall'allenatore e si e' scosso dal suo torpore iniziale con la forza del giovane giustamente ambizioso e del vero professionista che ovviamente vuol essere. Fortuna sua che in un momento delicato della sua carriera ha avuto Margaritis sulla sua strada. E se non quanto sia stato fortunato, anche se ha meritato la fortuna, bene farebbe a chiederlo a Bruno Sabidussi che, anni fa, di ritorno dai suoi impegni con la nazionale giovanile si trovo a marciare sulla panchina della stessa Juventus.

Grazie a questa felice situazione, la Juventus ha ritrovato in Incantalupo il dominatore incontrastato delle sue ultime due partite e, sfortunatamente, cominciando a rammaricarsi al fatto che Fabio dovrà presto assentarsi di nuovo per impegno della finale della coppa del mondo giovanile con la nazionale australiana. Però a questo proposito abbiamo una buona notizia che addolcirebbe la pillola amara della sua assenza: sembra che Margaritis abbia trovato un centravanti proveniente dalla Lega Nazionale, ma non dall'Australia, di cui per ora non vuole dare ulteriori dettagli nemmeno al suo comitato. Staremo a vedere, con l'augurio che questa indicazione sia nuova per il Morwell, adatta a risolvere la poca incisività della prima linea bianconera. In caso affermativo, storici e incidenti a parte, il campionato potrebbe considerarsi in tasca.

Tasmania v. SA

The Hobart X1 to play a South Australian Amateur X1 at Grove Road on Saturday has been announced.

The squad is: Harrison, Hey, P. Sherman, Forster, Nichols (Olympia), P. & S. Kannegiesser, Wilcock, Blake (Rapid), Nunn, Hugsfoot, Oakes, Thomas, Payne, (Croatia), Ward, Craven, Charlton (Juventus), A. Leszczynski (White Eagles) and Parker (Caledonians). Rapid's David Crosson, has been appointed coach of the Hobart side and Olympia's Bob Adams is the manager. Eddie Kent of Rapid is the first aid officer. The game, to be played under floodlights, will kick off at 7.30 pm. The referee for the match is Norm Johnson. It will be probably be Johnson's last game in Tasmania as he has been transferred in his employment to Sydney.

WALTER PLESS

Nyilasi stars, Janas errs

Hungary hammered Luxembourg 6-2 in Budapest to maintain its challenge for a place in next year's European championship finals in France.

Tibor Nyilasi was Hungary's inspiration, prompting from midfield and scoring twice with free-kicks to keep his side well in the hunt in group three with four points from their two wins over hapless Luxembourg.

But they were given a fright early in the second half when Luxembourg scored twice in a minute to reduce the deficit to 3-2 before the Hungarians pulled themselves together again.

In Warsaw, Poland struggled to a 1-1 draw against Fin-

land, leaving themselves a tough task to qualify from Group Two.

Wlodzimierz Smolarek gave Poland a quick lead after Zbigniew Boniek was tripped in the area in the second minute.

But the 60,000-crowd in the vast 10th Anniversary Stadium had little more to cheer. The Poles continued an own goal three minutes after their opener and the fans were whistling their disapproval by the end.

Polish defender Pawel Janas, under strong pressure near his own goal, misdirected a back pass past the despairing hands of goalkeeper Jozef Mlynarczyk for the Finnish equaliser.

Scorers: Hungary - Gyula Hajszan (21 min), Tibor Nyilasi (33, 63), Laszlo Kiss (36), Lazar Stenics (92), Buresa (65), Luxembourg - Jeannot Reiter (56), Theo Malget (57). Attendance: 11,000.

Group Three Standings
England..... 4 2 0 14 26
Hungary..... 2 2 0 12 44
Denmark..... 2 1 1 0 4 33
Greece..... 3 1 1 2 2 33
Luxembourg 5 0 0 5 25 0
Scorers: Poland - Wlodzimierz Smolarek (Penalty, 2 min), Finland - Pawel Janas (own goal). Attendance: 60,000.

Group Two Standings
Portugal..... 2 2 0 4 14
Poland..... 1 1 1 0 5 33
Soviet Union... 1 1 0 0 2 0
Finland..... 4 0 1 3 8 1

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